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Most Points—Club: Babylon Tuna Club, 545; Bay Shore Tuna Club, 272.5, and Tournament Anglers, 79.5.

Heaviest tuna of the Tournament—Club: 55 lb. yellowfin by Rick Norton, Bayshore Tuna club on the Jere-N.

Heaviest White Marlin—Club: 34 lbs. by Ron Marchetti of the Tournament Anglers.

Heaviest tuna—Individual: Art Baldwin, Babylon Tuna Club, 54.8; G. Grebe, Babylon Tuna Club and Art Brandt, Babylon Tuna Club—tie, 53.8.

Heaviest White Marlin—Individual: Bob Ufer, Babylon Tuna Club, 43 lbs and Tony Novelli, Sandy Hook Bay Anglers, 41 lbs.

Captain's Trophy for most tuna went to Captain Rick Colicchio; Boat Top Gun. Club: Sandy Hook Bay Anglers. Total fish: 6.

Captain's Award—Heaviest Tuna by individual: Captain Dick Svoboda. Boat: Miss Marion IV; Babylon Tuna Club.

Captain's Award for heaviest white marlin—individual: Captain C. Fischett. Boat: Three Daughters; Babylon Tuna Club.

Heaviest bonito of the tournament by individual: Len Castle, 9 lbs. Boat: Sea Notes, Sandy Hook Bay Anglers.

Heaviest tuna by a female angler: Carol Iannello, 22 lb. yellowfin on the boat Freelancer; Sandy Hook Bay Anglers.

Most points of the tournament—individual entry: Top Gun, Sandy Hook Bay anglers, 296.5, Capt. R. Colicchio; Miss Marion IV, Babylon Tuna Club, 250.5; Capt. D. Svoboda; Misty Helm, Babylon Tuna Club, 216; Capt. J. Rubino.

SURFSIDE 3 TUNA CLUB

Surf Side 3 Tuna Club held its annual Fluke Tournament, Sunday, July 29. The results were:

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COMMERCE KEEPS COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS QUIET

The hatchet job done on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) continues to be treated as something of a big, dark secret. As noted in last week's column, three of the four Mid-Atlantic Council members up for re-appointment this year were denied another term by the Secretary of Commerce. Included were Dr. McHugh, Professor of Marine Sciences at Stony Brook, and your reporter. The McHugh seat was not given to L.I.F. Editor Scott Simons, or Doc Muller (Governor Carey's other two nominees for the "at-large" seat from New York), but rather to Barbara Stevenson, whose husband is a commercial fisherman in Delaware. That leaves tiny Delaware with the same number of voting members as New York.

The entire re-appointment process has been shrouded in secrecy. I have been unable to obtain any information relating to the moves made by Commerce so far, and still haven't received any official correspondence notifying me that I haven't been re-appointed—though my term expired over a week before this column was written. Even Andy Young and the fired Cabinet officers at least got "thank you" notes for their services!

In my case, there was no surprise involved in not getting re-appointed. In order to carry out my duties I've had to take an active role in opposing NMFS policies which I deemed to be contrary to the interests of mid-Atlantic fishermen. My positions have been spelled out in these columns for the last three years, and if there has been any disagreement with them among area fishermen, I haven't been aware of it. In all that time I haven't received a single communication of any kind opposing my Council positions.

Since I'm a full-time free lance outdoor writer and broadcaster, with no regular paycheck, the part-time Council employment was important to me. I suppose that if I were a "good boy" and just went along with NMFS policies, I'd probably have been able to grow old on the Council. Unfortunately for my financial position, I'd rather adhere to principle than sell out the concerned fishermen who wrote the letters that got me on the Council to begin with. While I will miss the Council, and the many good friends I made among the members and staff, I have no regrets about anything I did during my three-year term. I never hesitated to stick my neck out for your interests, even though I knew it would eventually be cut off as a result. Except for one meeting a couple of years ago (when I was still working for a fishing tackle company and was required to be out of the country), I had a perfect attendance record and accepted every special assignment handed out by the Council.

I served as the Council's representative to the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee and feel that I made some significant contributions to that group. It was at my insistence that the release requirements in the Billfish and Sharks PMP were rewritten to provide that the release must be made in the water by clipping the leader. From talking with the Japanese longliners, I had determined that they were very anxious to save their hooks. Under the original regulations proposed by NMFS they could have legally taken the billfish and sharks aboard and cut out the hooks before throwing the carcasses overboard. While I'm not happy with the survival rate of less than fifty per cent of billfish, that's a lot better than one hundred per cent mortality! In the case of sharks, there has been a live release rate approaching ninety per cent—and it's turned out that many of these sharks are makos and blues.

As I was the only member of the Inter-Council Committee familiar with the sport fishery for sharks, it was up to me to protest the initial allocation that NMFS made in the PMP of well over 30,000 metric tons of sharks as surplus available to the foreign fleets. After my vigorous protests, they went back to the drawing board and found that little more than 1,000 metric tons could be justified as a shark surplus. So far, this

small surplus has kept any foreign country from starting a shark fishery in our waters—and the Japanese are releasing all that they catch, including thousands of makos!

My difficulties with NMFS started early in my Council term with the fight to get out of ICNAF and take charge of our fisheries. Many of you will probably remember the battle we fought against a large surplus allocation of mackerel to foreign countries at the very time that mackerel stocks were approaching record low levels. The Department of Commerce didn't provide any help in the fight to overcome State Department opposition to the 200-Mile Limit, and many officials there still dance to the State Department tune. The theme of the 200-Mile Act—"American fish for American fishermen"—has never gotten through to them! For awhile, it seemed as if we were making some progress. The sport fishing community developed a good rapport with Bob Schoning, then Director of NMFS, and he appeared to be a strong backer of the 200-Mile concept. However, a reorganization of NOAA has created mass confusion and general bureaucratic ineptitude—presided over by political appointees with little knowledge of the fisheries and no regard for recreational fishing.

Recreational opportunities are given equal status with food production in the 200-Mile Limit Law (PL 94-265). Despite the clear intent of Congress in this regard, I have never noted any concern whatsoever on the part of NMFS for recreational fishing as recreation. As a result, I long ago gave up even arguing in such terms and concentrated on the economic value of the sport fishery—the only argument that carries any weight in Commerce. The worst fears of conservationists who argued against taking the saltwater sport fisheries out of the Department of the Interior and combining them with the old Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Commerce are now being realized.

The very obvious effort by NMFS to turn the Councils into little more than expensive advisory panels has gone into high gear this year. Several of the Councils have protested this takeover effort and received support from Congress, which never intended them to be subservient to NMFS. However, not even Congressional warnings will slow down the bureaucrats. Indeed, the effort has been speeded up, as indicated by the contempt with which the Secretary treated the law by simply sitting on the management plans for mackerel, squid and butterfish beyond the permitted sixty days—and also by the elimination of three members.

NMFS has also steadfastly refused to face up to the bluefin tuna problem—preferring to let Japanese longliners destroy any chance of rebuilding the stocks, rather than including tuna in the law and letting the Councils take control. Even the fact that NMFS has proven completely incapable of administering regulations on a few East Coast seiners in this fishery hasn't convinced them that they should work with the Council—rather than against them. The tuna story is an interesting one which we'll be pursuing in future columns. It will either provide an example of the most incredible stupidity possible, or some very significant corruption.

In calling attention to the problems within NMFS and the anti-Council and anti-sport fishing attitudes that rule the roost, I want to make it clear that this criticism doesn't extend across-the-board. There are many dedicated "troops" in that agency who have devoted their lives to improving the fisheries and have been fighting their internal battles over the years. I could name quite a few here, but would be doing their careers no good if I did. What is needed in that agency is a good house cleaning—and Congress is our only hope that it will be done.

After years of devoting most of my spare time to fighting the "Feds" in order to get the 200-Mile Limit enacted, I looked forward to working with a government now committed to the new law of the land. Despite initial disillusionments relating to ICNAF and the original foreign quotas in the PMPs, I felt that there was every reason to believe that the Service would cooperate with the Councils to provide the best possible fishery management for the American people. Perhaps I was too optimistic about that possibility, and I certainly have become very discouraged after the events of the past few months. Yet, despite the obvious abuses, we have no choice but to work within the system to change it for the better. Just as I devoted a great deal of my personal time to fighting for the 200-Mile Limit and doing the best job possible within the Council, I will continue to work on the outside to straighten out the current polarization that is basically negating the intent of the law and preventing effective management of the fisheries that we depend on—and wish to pass on to our children. I hope I'll have your backing in this effort!

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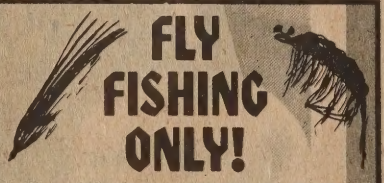

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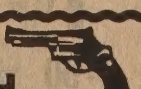

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Classes will be conducted at St. Francis College on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., starting on September 13.

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The course starts on Monday, September 10, 1979, and will be given every Monday evening at 8PM. The course will be held in the Clubhouse of the Diamond Point Y.C., located at 1350 Paedergat Avenue in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. A nominal fee of $20 will be charged which will cover an abundance of books, charts, and instruments which are necessary to a course as comprehensive as this one.

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CHUM LINES

GATEWAY STRIPER CLUB SUPPORTS JOHNNY KRONUCH

Dear Johnny, The members of the Gateway Striper Club Inc., applaud the stand you have taken in opposition to the North Bar fish trap. We realize that this courageous action may cause you personal economic loss from certain quarters and that this action should not go unrewarded.

Our Club, in an effort to show its appreciation, has voted that all members fishing the East End shall patronize your establishment *exclusively*. In essence, all the tackle needs of our Montauk-bound members shall be filled at Johnny's Tackle Shop.

This, in conjunction with our expressed aim of not patronizing any other business establishment on the East End (diners, gas stations, etc.), will help relay our feelings about that travesty off the North Bar!

We are further calling on *all other fishing clubs* to join us in showing a mutual appreciation of your efforts. We shall ask those clubs to also patronize your shop exclusively when on the East End.

We take this action not to hurt other similar establishments, but rather to show our admiration for you as the first person to take an unpopular stand simply because it's the right thing to do! *Ira Feldman, Sec'y., G.S.C. Inc.*

ANADROMOUS FISH ACT

Dear Scott: Senator Chafee's enclosed letter is self-explanatory. I will ony add that the importance of the subject measure to the future of the striped bass fishery, and thus to those who benefit from it, cannot be overstated.

It is becoming increasingly clear that in addition to the obvious problem of overkill, other factors, hinted at, but not fully understood, are effecting the fishery. Something is interfering with the birth/recruitment process.

In the interest of the fishery, the survival of a species, it would be a constructive contribution if L.I.F. printed a plea for readers to respond to the Senator's advice by writing as many letters as possible. If L.I.F. can't print all of the names I listed, I believe "key" Senators who should receive mail are: Warren G. Magnuson; Milton R. Young; Robert Byrd, and Ted Stevens.

In brief, what writers should be telling (asking) these people is that the fishery seems to be in *deep* trouble, that they are very concerned and that they hope that these Senators will take a personal interest in this matter by supporting S838 and vigorously press for the all-important funding to carry out the needed in-depth research.

I would also suggest that letters be sent under L.I.F. letterhead. Clubs as well as individuals should write; an outpouring of interest in this matter is needed. *Fred Schwab.*

Dear Friend: Just wanted to keep you informed on how we are doing on the striped bass legislation.

Similar versions of S. 838 have been approved by both the House and Senate. It now seems certain that an anadromous fish bill which includes the striped bass study provisions we have all been working for will be approved very soon after the end of Congress' August recess.

While I am gratified that this important legislation has been approved, I am also fully aware that only half the battle has been won. If the striped bass study is to be successful, we really need to turn our efforts toward securing full funding for the study in the FY 1980 budget.

Shortly after the end of the August recess, the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee will be approving the FY 1980 budget for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The issue of funding for the striped bass program will be a part of these

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FISH TALK

with Dr. William A. Muller

ALL THAT GLITTERS AIN'T GOOD

LAST WEEK. In last week's column we took a look at pollution in the New York Bight and discovered that all that glitters isn't always gold. Specifically, we studied a case from the West Coast in which an effort was made to clean up organic wastes in Los Angeles Harbor. We learned that productivity decreased as the Harbor was cleaned. The key in that discussion was that the pollution was **organic.** Sewage, fish wastes, and plant matter wastes can create a terribly uncomfortable aroma as we all know, but how dangerous are these wastes? You would be correct in your analysis if you said that there is a limit to how much of this organic waste anyone or any ecosystem can take before that ecosystem goes to pot. Take the example of the home tropical aquarium. If you go on vacation and you turn off the filter, the feces from the fish will build up in the tank and when you return home, the bottom of the tank may be blackened with it. There may be some slight odor and the wife will urge you to get the filter started and open a window. Within a day or so everything will be back to normal and neither you nor the fish any the worse for the experience. Much the same can occur if you accidentally overfeed the fish. Cloudy water, smell, and a few unhappy fish followed by a return to normal. However, if you accidentally drop the bulk of the contents of the fish food container into the tank, you'll likely have a much different problem. Very quickly, the tank will spoil and the fish will die. The only solution to that problem will be to drain the tank and start over. The difference in these situations is a matter of degrees. We all know of situations where rivers and bays have been destroyed by too much organic pollution; however, in most cases, the organic pollution merely serves to enrich the ecosystem. Even in cases where the pollution has gotten out of hand, the natural activities of organisms and the cycles of weather and geology will eventually return the polluted body of water to normal.

NOT SO WITH CHEMICALS. Most of the time, dangerous chemicals accumulate in our waterways without giving much sign of their presence. They are there and they begin to build up—usually in the sediment and in the flesh of finfish and shellfish. Did we realize that PCBs would be such a threat to fish and human life? The answer is that we didn't. We didn't see it or smell it and, until people began to fall ill from an unknown cause, we knew nothing of the presence or the danger of PCBs. Unlike organic pollution, toxic chemical pollution will not go away when we stop dumping. Instead, it will stay in the sediment for generations. In Los Angeles Harbor, they were able to stop the pollution by simply treating the cannery wastes. However, in the minds of most people, the word POLLUTION conjures up the idea of dead water, poor fishing, and disease and the contrary implies good fishing, clean water, and health. But in Los Angeles Harbor, this didn't happen according to this game plan and if we clean up the Hudson or the New York Bight too quickly and with a concentrated effort on the organic, rather than the toxic chemical pollution, we may see the well-intentioned Hollywood film script fall flat on its face.

HOW SHOULD WE MEASURE POLLUTION? We can do it qualitatively; that is, we can say it looks or smells bad or good. Or we can do it quantitatively by setting up careful criteria and then testing those criteria. The scientist clearly must use the quantitative approach, but it is also obvious that you do not always need pages of test data to prove that a body of water is polluted, since often the nose or eyes will tell you that fast enough. However, the qualitative approach may let us down. For the people in the vicinity of the Los Angeles Harbor, the conversion to treated cannery wastes may be have seemed to have resulted in a tremendous improvement in water quality. After all, the water looked better and the air finally was rid of the acrid smells of decaying fish. But what of the quantitative testing? Scientists often use the following criteria for evaluating water quality: species diversity, biomass, presence of key species, presence of commercially valuable or recreationally valuable species, presence of rare or endangered species, and the richness of life in the area. All of these criteria showed that the Harbor, as a productive ecosystem, declined following the use of cannery treatment procedures. Species diversity overall declined, although species diversity of algae remained about the same. The explanation can be offered that algal species diversity did not change because of reduced predation from fewer types and numbers of fish, instead of because the water was cleaner. Biomass and richness clearly dropped off. Bird populations declined forty per cent after the cannery treatment procedures began; fish populations were down from ten to one hundred per cent depending on the species; bottom organisms were also neither as diversified nor as abundant after treatment, dropping to 26.8% of the levels recorded in 1973 before the treatment began. The number of species of fish per trawl (large drag net used to capture fish) dropped from ten to six in the five years following the initiation of treatment operations.

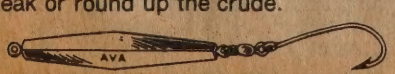
FISH EGGS AND LARVAE. One of the biggest tip-offs to what happened to the Los Angeles Harbor comes from an analysis of the number of fish eggs and larvae present in the water. The total number of eggs and larvae **went up** in the five years following treatment. How can this be if productivity of species of fish declined? You'll recall that the data shows that there are fewer fish and fewer species of adult fish after treatment began. What becomes of all the eggs? After treatment, the waste tends to be rich in nitrates and nitrites since the treatment procedure converts proteins, fats, and carbohydrates into these forms. However, these new types of nutrients that result from treatment have only limited usefulness to the algae, thus the rate of reproduction and growth of the algae declines. The water looks cleaner and smells cleaner. However, the newly-hatched fish larvae find less algae and less zooplankton (small drifting animals, e.g., copepods and shrimp) to feed on. The fish may starve by the millions. Now, since there are also fewer adult fish in the harbor, there is less predation on the eggs that are deposited and there is less predation on the newly-hatched fish fry. This means that there are more fish fry competing with each other for fewer algae and zooplankton. One can make an analogy here to farming before the invention of chemical fertilizers. If a farmer were to plant his crops in a cleared field without fertilizer, his yield per acre would go way down. Now, if he takes the cow and horse manure from his barns and spreads them in the fields, the smell from the wet and decaying manure may disturb his neighbors, but his yield per acre will improve markedly. Within a few weeks, the smell will have gone away since the naturally decaying processes will have begun to convert the manure into its basic elements and rain water would have leached out much material carrying it deep into the soil where the roots of the plants can pick it up. Much the same will be true in the sea if and when we begin mariculture on a grand scale.

HAS CANNERY WASTE TREAT-

MENT BEEN BENEFICIAL? The answer to this depends upon your point of view. If you venture out into the Gulf Stream to fish, what is your impression? Do you see it as a beautifully clean mass of water? Do you look down deep into the depths through the azure blue? Or do you see it as a desert with low productivity and limited diversity? How about the inshore water—how do you see that? Would you say it is dirty, with a rich smell, and greenish? Is that bad? The inshore water has these characteristics because it is productive and diversified—it is alive! Which is better? Again, that depends on your perspective. If you are Ernest Hemingway writing the great sea novel, you'll probably prefer the romantic blue of the Gulf Stream as a backdrop for your tale. However, if you are a fisherman trying to make a living, you'll prefer that inshore green because although you'll not be able to look down and watch a marlin glide by, you know that if you drop a hook and line or a net, that you have a good chance of catching something.

EACH ECOSYSTEM IS UNIQUE! Because they are each so different, our way of evaluating their worth will have to vary, too. Although fish cannery wastes in California seem to have beneficial effects and because the sewage in the Hudson may be crucial to its survival, that doesn't mean that duck farms might not be destroying fish and wildlife in another body of water. The factors that interact in such matters are much too complex. It does mean that we should test before we do! That is, before we treat waste, let's experiment and find out what effects our efforts will have. This is, after all, the spirit of science: to test before concluding. We seem to have forgotten that basic tenet of science in the last few decades, and we assume before we test.

MAYBE THERE ARE GREATER CONCERNS! I learned the other day that the amount of oil spilled during on-loading and off-loading of tankers is one hundred times that which is spilled during major disasters, such as collisions of super tankers. If that's the case—and it appears to be—then why aren't we at least as concerned over the daily small spills from hundreds of tankers than we are over one big spill from one tanker. Now here is a pollution effort worthy of anyone who enjoys a challenge. I learned the other day that the brown shrimp of the Gulf Coast area between Texas and Louisiana are gravely threatened by the spreading slick from the spill that we discussed editorially a few weeks back. It seems such a shame, doesn't it? The well leaks for better than six weeks and with all our technology, we can't either stop the leak or round up the crude.



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with Matt Ahern

HOW TO CLEAN FISH

How do you feel about fish cleaning? I'm sure you've noticed some fellows don't mind it a bit; in fact, they seem to enjoy it—and others seem to get the dry heaves when confronted with the job. I can certainly sympathize with the fisherman who, after spending all day out on the briny, looks upon the fish he's caught with a jaundiced eye. I understand the feeling, for certainly I've been there, too. But actually, fish cleaning isn't a bit difficult; it only becomes so when tackled with heavy-handed methods. And heavy-handed methods are brought about only because of the lack of knowledge needed to do a good job. Suppose I told you of a system that would enable you to clean each one of your fish with an average time of ten seconds—perhaps less—would you be interested? Would such a method ease your painful thoughts? Well...let us see what can be done to put a little zest into the often-tedious chore of fish cleaning. As mentioned before, some fellows don't mind the job one bit, and if you are one of these fishermen—good for you. You can also quit reading right now and turn the page—this article isn't for you. But if you are interested in doing the job quickly and easily, with less fuss and mess than you expected, continue reading and I'll tell you of the methods I use which will help you do just that.

If you are interested in filleting flounder or fluke, let me say that these have been covered in detail in recent issues and space allotments do not allow me to repeat in this article. For flounder filleting, send for a copy of Issue #9—March 1, 1979. For fluke filleting, order a copy of Issue #24—June 11, 1979. Check Page Three for information on ordering back copies.

At the start, don't expect to do a fast, efficient job without giving some thought to the proper tools. A sharp butcher's boning knife is often used by experienced fishermen and you'll find such a knife hard to beat. Any similar type knife will do, but save yourself a headache and shun those kitchen rejects. Add a good scaler and you're in business. Make sure your scaler has a raised, offset handle to avoid contact with the sharp fins of such fish as sea bass and porgies.

Use a cutting board whenever possible, and if you intend to clean your fish at home, make sure to use plenty of newspaper to catch the loose scales, drippings, etc. You-know-who will be thankful, too.

The above is one reason why I always attempt to clean my fish before I arrive home. Most fishing stations have facilities for this and you should take advantage of it. You may feel a little pooped when you first arrive back at the station, but you'll still have some energy left to clean your catch. It is only after you reach home, take your shower, have supper and relax a bit, when the thought of cleaning a mess of fish takes on a discouraging aspect. Then the job truly becomes a chore.

Party boat fishermen often clean their catch on the way back to port or between moves from one spot to another. This, of course, is always the best way because you can easily get rid of the offal overboard and cleaning up is never a problem.

On most party boats I've been on, the only fish cleaning difficulty I've run across was finding a fish-board on which to do the work. It seems someone always beats me to those that are available. I quickly solved this, though. I cut a piece of Masonite a half-inch less in dimension than my homemade tackle box. This handy board is kept in the bottom of the tackle box and carried with me on all my trips. It is then a simple matter to convert the tackle box into a makeshift table and clean my fish without worrying about locating a fish-board. Works fine.

When I wrote a fish-cleaning article such as this a year or so ago, I received a letter from a reader telling me the party boat he had been on that weekend didn't allow its passengers to clean their fish while on board. Another irate fisherman wrote and said that scaling wasn't allowed. This, to me, is a crying shame, for fish cleaning to many party boat addicts is part of the fishing day and they look forward to it. It goes without saying that such disgruntled fishermen do not go out again on these boats.

I can, however, sympathize with the skipper in this matter. Many times I have witnessed careless, unthinking fishermen cut into decking and canvas-covered mouldings in their zeal to finish the job. If these areas are not noticed immediately and quickly repaired, the affected spot soon becomes a prime candidate for rot—and rot on any part of a boat costs money to repair. Believe me, I know. All I can say in this respect is not to hold it against the skipper.

Should you happen to be aboard a party boat that prohibits fish cleaning, do the next best thing. Thoroughly wash your fish and pack them carefully so that when you arrive home they will be free of odor-causing slime. (I'll admit that trying to de-slime blackfish can be a problem and, as yet, I haven't come up with a satisfactory solution except to keep them as cool as possible, with some circulation of air.)

And with that, let's continue.

You'll find that before actually starting the job, it is always best to wash each fish first (preferably in saltwater) because those minute grains of sand, grit, and other foreign matter soon dull even the finest blade. And here is a word of caution. Should you find it necessary to wash your fish in freshwater, do it quickly. Don't let them soak. No more than a few seconds per fish should be the watchword—especially does this apply after you have completed your cleaning and intend to dunk each fish for a final rinse. Freshwater quickly softens the delicate flesh of saltwater fish and that ambrosia-like flavor is soon lost; whereas just the opposite applies when handling fish caught in freshwater.

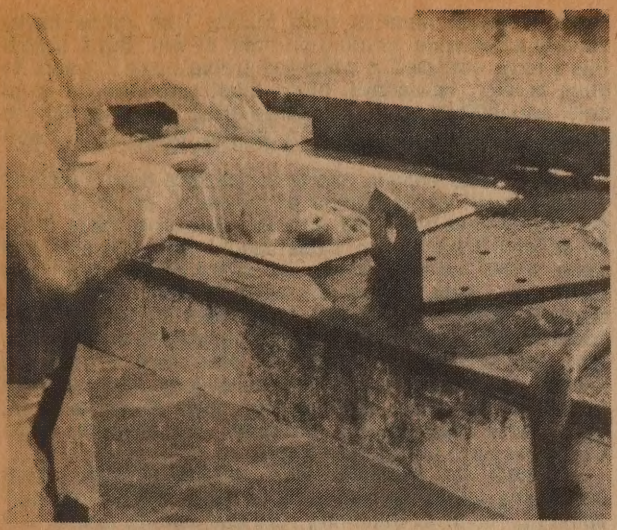
The method that follows can be used for any round fish: round fish meaning ling, whiting, mackerel, weakfish, sea bass, porgies, blackfish, etc., as opposed to flounder and fluke. Because of the difficulty removing scales from the thick skin of blackfish, it is best to skin these fish to preserve your sanity. We'll get to the method of doing that shortly.

You'll find many fishermen who complain that fish cleaning is too time consuming are the very ones who start off on the wrong foot. These are the fellows who scale each fish as they get to it, instead of scaling all their fish first. Never begin the actual cleaning until each fish has been scaled and rinsed. You'll find that not only does the job go faster when you do this, but there is less likelihood of being cut when handling fish coated with slippery scales.

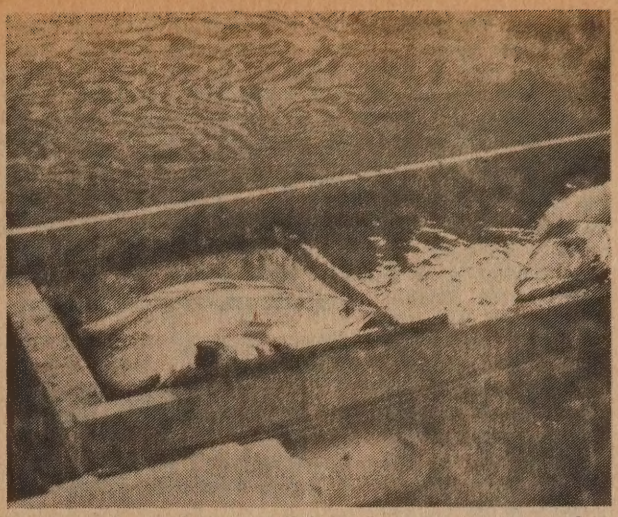
We'll use a ling to describe the method I use to clean a fish in ten seconds, and assume it has already been scaled and washed. All it takes is two swift passes of the knife and the job is finished. First, grasp the fish firmly by the head, then insert the knife completely through the fish just behind the pectoral fin. This is the fin at the middle of the fish near the gill cover. Angle the knife toward the vent and slice through and out. This leaves you with the intestines and the rib cage in one piece. Just slice off the head and the job is finished. Now, what's all the fuss about fish cleaning? If you can't do that in ten seconds, I don't know what to say. Once you get into the swing, you can knock off a hundred ling in no time—and a hundred of any of the other fish mentioned just as fast.

Except blackfish.

It seems everything about blackfish is tough and its scales and skin are no exception. Sure, ~~some fellow do~~ scale blackfish and most of these fishermen do so because they don't know an easy way to get that tough

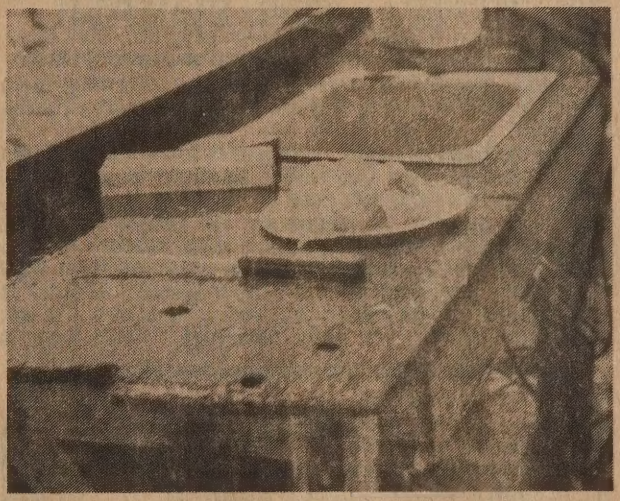


Wash each fish first, preferably in saltwater.



Weakfish offer no cleaning problem for experienced fishermen.

Use the facilities of your fishing station whenever possible.



A platterful of properly cleaned fish is a delight to the palate.

skin off. It's simple, but does take time when compared to other fish cleaning.

First, take your blackfish and complete the instructions just mentioned. Then use your knife and make a cut through the skin on each side of the dorsal fin and along each side of the anal fin. (These, besides the tail, are the only fins left on the fish.) Make a slight cut at the back of each fin and then with the aid of a rag or pliers, lift out with a strong pull.

Peel away a little skin at the shoulder, enough to give you a firm grip with the rag or pliers and then remove it with a steady pull. Once the skin is started, it is easy to remove and when you get the hang of it, it should take no longer than two minutes for each fish.

You can also remove those finger-stabbing fins from sea bass and porgies this way. Whether you leave the tail on your fish is personal preference and depends chiefly on how large the fish is.

Some fishermen like stuffed mackerel and it is easy enough to prepare the fish for a favorite recipe. Simply remove the head at the pectoral fins and slice along the length of the back to the gut cavity—but don't go through. Open the fish and remove the intestines and wash. You now have two hinged pieces of mackerel called a "butterfly" in commercial markets. This used to be a common way of preparing mackerel, but it isn't seen much today. When served this way, it often brings fancy prices in elite restaurants.

So, that's all there is to fish cleaning. It isn't a bit difficult and only becomes so when fishermen use heavy-handed methods. Take your time in the beginning, use care handling that sharp knife, and the next time you bring home a batch of fish, you won't have to look at them with that proverbial jaundiced eye.

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Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

RIGGING BAIT FOR BLUEFISH

With the exception of the striped bass (a rarity these days), the most exciting fish to catch from the surf in Long Island is the bluefish. In fact, many surf fishermen rate blues over stripers when comparisons are made in the same weight class. A large, ten pound blue has no equal when it comes to ferocious power, taking out line on enormous runs, performing incredible leaps with head-shaking fury all the way to the beach or gaff. Appropriately called monsters, gorillas, alligators, and choppers, there is nothing like catching one from the surf. Fall is the best time to catch large blues. In some places, e.g., at South Shore inlets, smaller blues up to five pounds can be caught all summer. But big ones in the eight pound to teen size class begin showing up on the North and South Shores around mid-August and remain, in their erratic fashion, through October. Somewhat cooler temperature gives the shore-bound angler wider latitude in time to fish for them—not only during prime dawn/night/dusk periods, but also during the day.

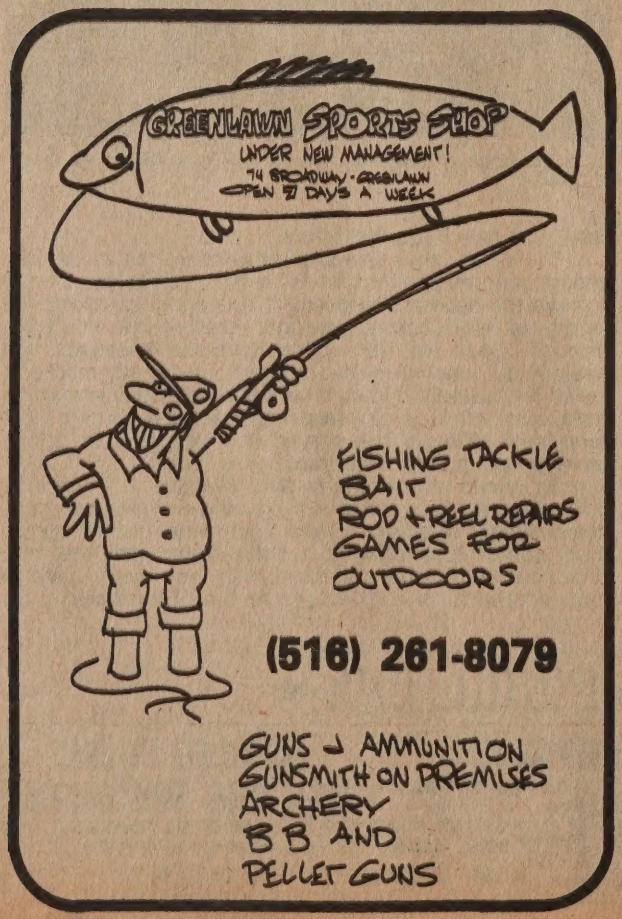
In the past, it seems, surfcasters were able to catch many bluefish with artificials: assorted plugs, metal lures, bucktails, and soft plastics. Blues today, however, do not show up as frequently as before, in great numbers within casting distance. One reason for this change is the increased pressure on them from boat fishermen, forcing blues into deeper waters. Another is the depletion of menhaden (bunker) schools over the last few years. During the early Seventies, it was quite a sight to watch bluefish herd bunker into dense packs several acres wide, feeding on them at will. But it seems like I have not used a weighted treble hook in years to snag bunker. Nowadays, blues must scrounge for sand eels, usually scattered over large areas or forage on the bottom. Most of the fishing action takes place well below the surface.

For these reasons, many surfcasters have switched to bait. Small whole bunker or mackerel, or larger ones cut into chunks are most popular. But other baits often do as well. I have seen blues caught from the surf and taken a few, as well, on squid, strips of sea robin and sand shark, eels, almost any baitfish, and small blacks, bergalls, and flounder. Will blues take clams? Ask any codfisherman working Coxes Ledge in late summer. In fact, the only baits I have not seen take a blue are worms and crabs; but I am sure they can be used effectively as well. As you can see, blues are not particularly fussy eaters, although like stripers, some days they have their preferences.

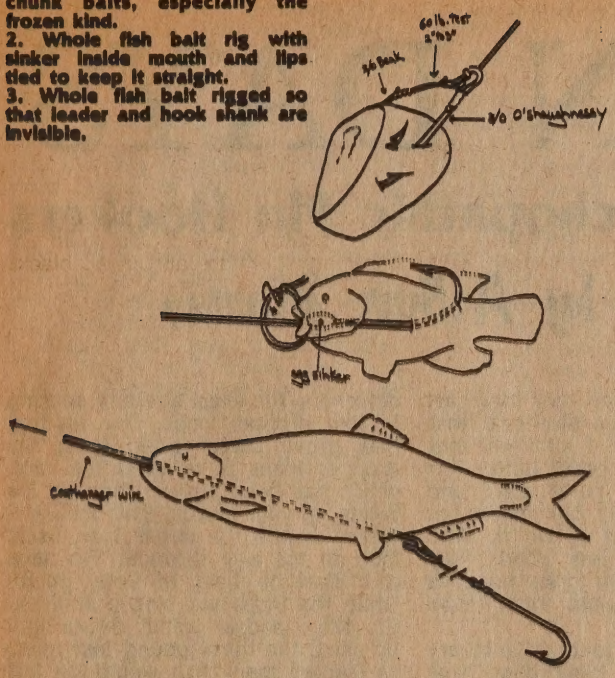
Except for the open surf of the Atlantic, most baitfishing for blues can be done with a nine foot surf spinning rod with matching reel and twenty pound test monofilament. A 5/0 to 8/0 O'Shaughnessy or Siwash regular shank hook is excellent for chunk bait, while the long shanks are better for supporting whole fish baits. When using strip baits or eels, however, a 4/0 to 6/0 beak or claw hook with sliced shanks is better. Many anglers connect the hook to a flexible wire leader (six to eighteen inches) which comes with a barrel swivel at one end and an interlock snap for the hook. Presumably, the wire is insurance against being cut off by the sharp teeth of a blue. But it does have some drawbacks: a tendency to fray and suddenly break when casting, as well as straightening at the snap against the pull of a large fish. I have found that leaders with Duo-Lock snaps are more reliable. Some excellent hooks are available with a six inch length of stiff wire tied with a haywire twist. Used frequently on party boats, these all-brown rigs provide low visibility and great strength. Not to be discounted, a sixty pound test, twelve inch snelled leader connected to the main line via a black barrel swivel will hold a large blue and possibly take a leader-shy bass at night, as well. Sinker weight varies according to the area. On Long Island Sound, two ounce pyramid sinkers are often enough, with three to five ounces on rougher days. At South Shore inlets, three to six ounces should be considered. Whether you prefer wire or plastic leaders, connect the sinker to the barrel swivel six to twelve inches below with a piece of monofilament, tying an improved clinch knot to the swivel and an end loop for the sinker.

Chunk baits are easy to prepare: cut the fish into steaks, use the middle parts first, then the tail and head. The standard method is to embed the hook through the skin, slide the chunk up the shank, then insert the point again into the bait. This works adequately with mackerel or butterfish chunks which can be bought fresh; but with frozen bunker, you will be lucky not to lose the bait on your first cast. For this reason, I tied a second smaller hook, a 2/0 baitholder, forming no more than a three inch snell with sixty pound test leader material. This can be looped through the eye of the larger hook or added to the snap and will hold chunk bait better than a single hook (see illustration).

Whole fish baits can be rigged a number of ways. The simplest method is to put the hook through the mouth and out the gills or through the eyes and again, near the dorsal fin or tail. This works well with small baitfish: sand eels, spearing, etc. But try casting a small whole bunker or blackfish and wonder why bluefish will not pick it up. The shock of casting and water resistance on the retrieve, curls the fish, shreds it into a mess, and makes it far from presentable. How to overcome this? One way is to substitute a sliding egg sinker on the snell. After the hook is worked through the mouth, as described, push the egg sinker into the mouth as well. With a pointy instrument (a spare hook will do), pierce two small holes through the lips of the fish, insert a



1. Two-hook rig is better for chunk baits, especially the frozen kind.
2. Whole fish bait rig with sinker inside mouth and lips tied to keep it straight.
3. Whole fish bait rigged so that leader and hook shank are invisible.



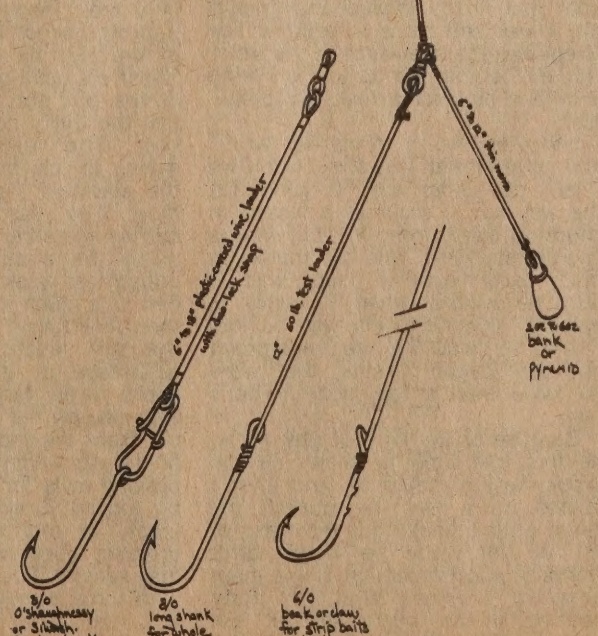
small piece of thin monofilament through the holes and tie it with a double-overhand knot. The fish's mouth is now closed and will not slide back against the hook because the sinker blocks it. The fish will remain straight for a much longer period (see illustration). If you prefer floating your bait (no sinker), you can secure it by the same method, threading the monofilament through the hook eye as you insert it through the lips. Yet another method which I learned from fishing for blues on party boats, is to ream the fish from mouth through anus with a straight length of coat hanger wire. Form a small bend at the end of the wire and now, insert this end through the fish's mouth. Hook the loop of the snelled leader onto the bend of the coat hanger and pull the wire back out of the mouth. Hook shank and part of the leader are now inside the fish, exposing just the barb and bend below. Once again, tying the mouth shut, this time onto the leader, will keep the fish straight. Excellent for floating a bait or with an egg sinker on the main line, stopped by the barrel swivel, as in a fish-finder rig (see illustration).

Rigs for eels are used predominantly by bass fishermen, but fall bluefish often take this bait. Usually called "bass rigs," they are similar to the plastic leader mentioned above, except that they are longer (two to three feet) and come with a float. I find the length cumbersome for casting with a nine foot rod and prefer the twelve inch, home-tied rig. A live eel can be hooked once through the lower jaw or through the eyes or near the tail. For greater security, a stinger hook can be added, using the kind described frequently in this magazine for fluke, or a variation of the method described above for chunk bait. Dead eels can also be used whole or cut into several pieces. Any of these rigs will do for strip bait, as well.

Where to fish in the fall? Aside from the Montauk clan, a well-known producer of big blues on the Sound, is the area between Port Jefferson and Wildwood State Park. For reasons I have yet to determine, blues do come within casting distance of the beaches and jetties here. Sometimes, they even enter the harbors at Port Jefferson or Mt. Sinai for brief periods. Any boulder-strewn spot nearby is likely to yield a blue because baitfish feed there. But this area is over twenty miles long and locating bluefish can be difficult. Watching for local reports in this magazine helps, if you apply some common sense. For example, suppose you read in this week's report, "Blues being taken from the beaches at Mt. Sinai." You rush down there, fish all day or night, and return empty-handed, muttering about "fishermen's tales." The truth is there probably was a run of bluefish at Mt. Sinai—**a week ago.** A great run will last a few days, at best. The smart thing to do is avoid Mt. Sinai and head to Rocky Pt. or Shoreham. A week later, try Wildwood. Although blues move in erratic patterns, at this time of the year, they will be heading east, eventually schooling up in Block Island Sound and the Atlantic off Montauk Point and heading south and east. Fishing from a beach east of the reported area may put you in touch with the school you missed last week.

Bluefish can also be found at many South Shore inlets. The best times to fish here are during tidal changes. This is true for the open waters of the Sound, as well, but there you can fish through an entire incoming tide. One method that can be highly effective from the jetties (or even the beginning of the ebb on the Sound), is to float your bait out by keeping the bail open and periodically whipping the rod. This creates a bobbing effect, the bait moving up when you whip the rod, then settling at mid-level or lower as the line straightens, all the while moving offshore. By fall, many inlets have developed sand bars and tidal rips and again, floating a bait works best in these areas.

You will have no doubts when hooking a blue. With a properly set drag below the breaking point, whether rod is in a sand spike, between some rocks on a jetty, or in your hands, it will arc in a pronounced way. Give it a second, then set the hook hard several times and hang on. If it is a large fish, get ready for a long run, followed by a shorter second one. Although it can be beached if you keep some distance between you and the shore line, it is better to have someone gaff it for you. Most people fishing in your area will oblige, being happy to participate in the catch. For jetty fishing, a gaff is essential and a wet sack or billy club to prevent it from jumping between the rocks. When fishing with bait, it is also useful to keep a few lures in your tackle box. A sudden flurry on the surface must be taken advantage of—there and then. And lures, whether poppers or metal, or leadhead bucktails will work better than bait at such moments. But for the most part, these days you are more likely to catch a chopper with bait. Rig up according to one of the methods described, bring along several kinds of bait, and if you hook a ten pounder, you will probably become hooked, as well, for many falls to come.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SIXTEEN DAYS

Conversation with Psychopathic Pin Hookers

Part Three — by Arthur Morris

It was now the fourth day and I was settling nicely into the routines of working on the water. Up at 4:30, work until eight or nine o'clock, eat, and get to sleep about 9:30 or so. I arrived at the dock looking forward to fishing with Greg again, as he really had a great sense of humor and a knack with words. Ron dropped me off as he was going to take a ride into Quogue where the experts at the Hampton Ship Yard were working on his engine. I looked around and did not see Greg. I was informed that he was asleep on his boat. Being an invited guest, I did not want to wake him up. But after an hour I said to hell with it and went down to wake him. I soon learned that not only had Greg been wasting what I had considered valuable time, but that his partner Fat Al had been sound asleep in his station wagon! Most of the regulars were either out on the water or just about ready to go. Greg and Al seemed in no hurry. Fat Al turned out to be an even more incredible character than Gregory, and together they were as funny as any two people I have ever seen. After the boat was finally loaded and gassed up, I was still more amazed to see Greg take the boat over to the other side of the lake, tie up to the Viking dock and stop for a leisurely breakfast.

I was beginning to wonder why I had gotten up at 4:30 a.m., when we finally got under way for good. On the way out, I received a lesson in shucking clams from Al—but that is another story. Al, who had mated on many party boats for years, was an absolute wizard when it came to opening skimmers. He was so fast that as he threw the shells overboard and they began to sink, they were no more than a foot apart! That's fast.

Because of the kind of guy Al is, he took the time to show me the proper way of doing it. And after I goofed up a few, he showed me again until I finally got the hang of it. All the while he would offer words of encouragement to his inept student. I asked him why they seemed in no hurry to get out fishing. He said that both he and Greg felt that being out everyday was such a big strain that they saw no need to rush. He also said that they liked to sleep. I still feel that they would have been better off getting off to an early start and getting back earlier; but that's not the way they liked to do it. And when the fishing was good, they would ship from five to six hundred pounds a day between them, even with their late start.

We headed out to the Sanctuary where the porgy destruction was continuing. We found what looked to be a good piece of bottom and anchored up on it amidst the other boats. We immediately started hauling porgies out of the fifty-five feet of water. I had noticed the rig that Greg had used the day before and now I saw the opportunity to ask Al about it as he was using the same rig.

He started off by pulling about five extra feet of line from his reel. Then he made three, five-inch dropper loops about ten inches or so apart. Next, he cut one side of each dropper loop right at the spot where it joined the main line. He had now created his three "leaders." He snelled three #1 Mustad beak hooks onto the "leaders." (Greg used an improved clinch knot.) At the bottom of the rig, he tied a sinker loop. Finis! He used plain hooks right out of the box and no leader material, just the thirty pound mono from his reel. The result: a tremendous saving in cost and a better rig than the standard high-low rig used by most. The reason that his rig will outfish any other is that when fished using the slack line method described last week, it will present the bait in a much more natural manner than that fished on rigs made from the stiff leader material. Another advantage of the rig is that the hooks rarely tangle as the dropper loop causes the "leaders" to stand out from the main line. A variation of the rig which we used when sea bassing calls for the 3/0 Sproats to be looped directly on the dropper loops. In this rig, of course, the dropper loops are not cut. The rig may seem difficult to tie at first, but with some practice you will find that it is really simple to make up. You will find that after making up a few rigs you will even be able to determine the exact size and spacing of your dropper loops. One tip that may prove useful when tying the dropper loops is to grab the line, which has been pushed through the twists, in your mouth. This makes it easier to pull the larger than usual loop all the way through. The loop can then be held in your mouth while the loops are slowly snugged up. Most people would figure that by using the thirty pound test mono as leaders many fish would be lost due to abrasion. This simply did not happen. If you did hang on the bottom usually just one hook would be lost. A new hook was then quickly snelled in place on a now slightly shorter leader. Except for blues, I cannot recall ever losing a fish to a busted leader while fishing this rig. It goes without saying that if blackfish are around in large numbers, the standard high-low rig should be used.

After a few hours we were all tired of pulling fish out of such deep water. Greg decided that we would go inside to Great Eastern and try to find the fish in shallower water. When I remarked at the great speed with which Al pulled up the anchor, he told me that there was a hook on it and he was trolling for tuna! The strength of this man was astounding. Later that day while unloading I actually saw him lift a forty-five gallon garbage can filled to the top with sea bass, water and ice above his head into the hands of those waiting above on the dock!

We did find the fish in the shallower water and we were all a bit surprised when we started pulling large sea bass off the first spot we stopped at. Great Eastern is usually noted for its fine porgy fishing.

Trying to describe the actual experience of fishing with these two nut-jobs is an impossible task. Even if I could remember all of Al's lines, they probably wouldn't seem too funny. However, his rapid-fire style of delivering his lines and his hysterical laughing at his own jokes kept Greg and me laughing for three straight days. Gregory, on the other hand, had a few hilarious habits of his own. When slowly reeling in a triple-header of jumbo sea bass, he would let out with a long, drawn-

out, earsplitting, throaty "Moooo," as fine as any ever bellowed by a living Hereford. They were constantly yelling to friends in other boats across the water. Most times the shouted messages dealt with one of three topics: the great skill of either Gregory or Fat Al, the ineptitude and stupidity of those fishing in the other boats, or the quality of the ancestors of the aforementioned group of fishermen. I really felt that they had an advantage over anyone fishing with them in that the newcomer would be too busy laughing to concentrate on hooking fish.

Greg's boat was much smaller than Ron's and there was one built-in advantage that they had over a larger boat. By being able to use a smaller anchor and having Fat Al as a living winch to haul the anchor in approximately four-and-one-half seconds, Greg was able to pick out a piece of bottom on his machine, anchor up, and fish for a few minutes. If an instantaneous slaughterization of the species did not result, he would simply move off and try another piece a short distance away. This all took place in less than five minutes. Patience was not one of the prime attributes of this fantastic fishing duo.

While fishing aboard the aptly named Misbehave II with Greg and Al, I learned another worthwhile trick. This one involved bait. Before taking off each morning, they made sure to have on board a can of bellies which are usually used as chum. In fact, that is what I thought it was for. But when we started fishing, Gregory took a handful of defrosted chum and laid it on the transom, which served as their bait board. He then took a gob of the stuff and laid it on his hooks. Al already noted, the results were excellent. On some days, Greg would fish only with chum while Al and myself used clams and chum about fifty/fifty. They called the bait "snot" as in, "Hey Al, grab another handful of snot, will ya?" If you have ever seen a can of this apparently rotted clam, you will know that the nickname is a good one. For another reason (which I am not aware of) they also called the sea bass "sea snots" or just plain "snots." (By the way, Greg does not even own a chum pot, much less use one!)

Days five and six were just about the same as day four. The weather was so beautiful that Al nicknamed me "Fair Weather Art." It proved to be a good nickname, as for the whole sixteen day stay, we did not lose a single day to bad weather. The fishing continued to be as good as the weather and we were shipping out catches ranging from six to eight hundred pounds each night. Unfortunately, the nickname became a real joke in October and November. Invariably, Fat Al would open the door of his car in the morning, step out briskly into a frigid forty knot northwest wind and greet me mockingly by saying "Fair Weather Art!?"

To Al and Greg I certainly owe a lot. If it were not for them, I would have spent three days on the dock while Ron was having the engine fixed. I also learned more about bottom fishing than I had in the previous twenty years. I called the Fat Man this morning to say hello, but he wasn't in. The phone is ringing. It must be that pin-hooker, Al.

As I look back on the sixteen days now, my mind only sees a blurry image of porgies and sea bass; skimmers and clam bellies; cartons of ice and ice picks. As I look at the records of the fish we shipped, my mind strains to remember which was the party that gave me a twenty dollar tip and which was the group that stiffed me after I had waited on them hand and foot for eight hours. The memories of the big bluefish and fluke that often interrupted the porgy and bass routine have faded into the back of my mind.

One evening, however, stands out in my mind. Ron had some friends from the T.A. aboard. It was very late; almost getting dark. We had had a good day, but it was just too beautiful to go in. We were drifting on the south side on Inner Frisbee and the water looked like a huge pool of mercury as the setting sun brought out the many metallic hues of this late day ocean. We had landed a few big blues, so we put out two extra rods rigged in this manner: tie on a six ounce diamond jig and hook a small "pin-porgy" through the back, lower the jig to the bottom and then lift it a few turns off the bottom. Put the reel in a rod holder in free spool with the click on. Then go back to your bottom fishing. It was beautifully silent, when suddenly, all hell broke loose. There were six rods in the water and only four fishermen. One after another, each rod was struck by an alligator-sized bluefish. I put my rod down to grab one of the jig rods which had gone off when I noticed that a blue was trying to pull my rod out of the boat. When the dust settled, we had landed three of the six fish. All weighed over fourteen pounds. Ron's good friend, Freddy Johnson ended the day and the fun by having a monstrous blue break him off under the boat.

On the second Saturday, a group of my buddies from the Skunked Again Fishing Association were coming out from Brooklyn to sail with Ron aboard the Julie III. When they saw me, they could not believe how decrepit I looked. I had not shaved and had been too tired to shower the night before. My dungarees were dry (an unusual circumstance), but were coated with dried chum and fish blood. I learned later that they had given my shocked wife an accurate description of my condition.

After I had told my friends what a great hooker I had become and how much I had learned, they all went out and outfished me. I couldn't get a bite that day, much less hook a fish. Fishing was a bit slow that day and Ron was outfishing everyone by slightly jigging his bait. He showed everyone how to do it, but his experience showed as he hooked one sea bass after another while the rest of us were hardly getting any hits. It seems that almost every time the Club charters Ron, the fish develop lockjaw for most of the day. But Ron always manages to end the day with a final flurry of hot fishing. This day was no exception. As the sun was dipping towards the western horizon our rods began dipping under the strain of two to four pound sea bass. We were catching them on the drift and really destroying them, but it was getting late. Ron would say "last drift, fellas"; then every rod would arch and twelve pleading eyes asked for just one more drift. A small grin would spread across Ron's face as he would gently lift his rod into another three pounder and say, "Okay, but just one more drift." This behavior has earned Ron the nickname "Captain Midnight."

Ron's method of hooking fish differed greatly from that used by Greg and Al (described earlier in this article), but since he is the finest all-around fisherman I have ever had the privilege to stand next to, I will describe it to you. He fishes with no slack in his line. When he wants to set the hook, he just lifts his rod slightly and begins reeling. As simple as that. Ron's specialty is diamond jigging, but with the lack of fish in September and the horrible weather in October and November, he did very little jigging. In his more than twenty years of fishing Montauk waters, Ron has sharpened his fish-finding techniques to a razor's edge. He has an amazing ability to take and use ranges. The area that he knows best is the Frisbee Grounds, and nothing will bring a smile to his face faster than a customer with a four pound plus sea bass at the end of his line—except one at the end of his line!

It was exciting to see some of the famous names of Montauk fishing in action and on occasion, engage them in idle chitchat: Captain John De Maio of the charterboat "Vivienne"; Captain Frank Braddick of "Hurry Up" fame, and Johnny Rade, a truly amazing and consistent rod and reel commercial fisherman.

My eating habits during the sixteen days were terrible. Breakfast consisted of a half a box of Oreo cookies and a quart of milk. Lunch was usually leftover fish made into salad. Supper was either broiled fresh fish or nine pieces of Weavers frozen fried chicken, with Oreos and milk for dessert. It would seem that I would have gained weight, but

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SOMETHING SILVER

by Andy Regina

"Uncle Andy, there's something silver on the end of my line!" The excited shout came from my six-year-old nephew, as he struggled with a bent spinning rod that came dangerously close to being torn out of his desperate grasp by a fish that was too tough for him to handle. Because he was a fairly young boy, I had rigged an ultra-light spinning outfit for him to use, figuring that this light tackle would be easy for him to handle, while not proving too tiresome, thus keeping his interest perking longer.

What a mistake I made! Although my intentions were good, and my theory correct, I neglected the fact that spirited panfish can very often put up a helluva scrap on ultra-light tackle; and though this can heighten grown-up piscatorial pleasure, it could be scary to a young tad. A little kid wtih little tackle can be intimidated by a little fish, especially if that little fish is a one pound porgy. Now, this little kid with the popping eyes and bulging neck muscles caused me to remember just how ornery porgies could be; so I reached over and helped him in his struggle to bring that little fish to the boat.

The porgy or scup (**Stenotomus chrysops**) is the saltwater version of the freshwater bluegill, or bream. A panfish all the way, this pugnacious pugilist never really grows very big, averaging up to one pound in Long Island Sound and up to about three pounds in Peconic Bay or in the ocean. They winter offshore, contributing to a major commercial fishery and swarm into warming shallow inshore waters in early spring. Here they spawn, and those warm inshore waters serve as a nursery for their young in protected bays and sounds throughout the summer. In late summer or early fall, usually in late September or early October, when the inshore waters start to cool, the porgy once again heads out to the offshore wintering grounds, thus completing the cycle.

Slab-bodied with coarse scales, these compact fish are usually a light brown or grayish color, often with brassy overtones. The upper part of the back has dark shadings resembling vertical bands or bars that blend into a silvery belly, and there is a very pronounced lateral line. Extremely gregarious, the porgies travel in huge schools, and prowl the length of the northeast coast from Maine to South Carolina, feeding on small mollusks and crabs, marine worms, small fish, and occasionally plants.

Sport fishing usually gets under way in May, usually in Peconic Bay, at which time the larger of these fish seem to predominate. At this time, sizes up to three pounds are not uncommon, with occasional fish of even greater weights recorded. These are the so-called sea porgies or "silver platters" that Peconic Bay has become famous for, and which are also found at equally famous ocean locations, such as the Tin Can Grounds in the New York Bight and Montauk, Long Island.

After an all too short stay, these large fish disappear and are replaced with a smaller variety called sand porgies, which predominate throughout the remainder of the summer months. This is the fish that tickles the fancy of bottom bouncers in Long Island Sound, providing great sport and amusement for many anglers of all ages and both sexes. The key to their popularity may very well be in the fact that any reference to their lack of substantial size is only because of their diminutive length or light weight. The fighting qualities of hooked fish are unsurpassed by almost any other fish the same size, as well as by many fish quite larger.

Combine this desirable feature with the porgy's ready acceptance of a great variety of baits and its usual abundance, and you begin to get a fair idea of their popularity with anglers. Add to this that no-holds-barred struggle that utilizes the porgy's slab-sided body to the utmost by its habit of keeping that body broadside to your line as you attempt to crank it in, and that popularity becomes more apparent. The clincher comes when you taste any fish you catch: the delicate flavor of flaky white porgies makes them highly desirable as table fare to many of us.

So, all in all, the little porgy has quite a lot going for it. Although they are a prolific species, we should not over-exploit the poor porgy through overfishing or indiscriminate plunder. Return not only small fish unharmed, but any larger ones that might not actually be needed for your family table, to grow up and propagate. Always keep only as many as you honestly need, and in this manner, we all will be able to enjoy this great little scrapper for many years to come.

Rigging for porgies is relatively simple. Bear in mind that this is a bottom feeder with a small mouth, and rig accordingly. In most cases, rigging can be the same for all ocean or bay areas, with the possible exception of wreck fishing, where some really big humpbacks can be encountered at times. Usually preferring structure consisting of a hard sand or gravel bottom adjacent to mussel beds or patches of rock, the porgy will also haunt ocean wrecks to feed off the barnacle and mussel-clad structures. Here, because of the ever-present possibility of becoming foul-hooked on some part of the wreck, we advise the use of a single hook rig to minimize snags. This rig consists of a #1 Beak or O'Shaughnessy hook with a twelve inch snell, tied onto a dropper loop of the main line about fifteen inches above a bank sinker heavy enough to hold bottom in strong ocean currents.

All other porgy rigs can be the conventional or "Canarsie" rig of two hooks tied in tandem a couple of inches above a sinker heavy enough to hold bottom, where the action is. Hook sizes may vary according to the size of the fish in any particular area at any given time; but can all be rigged in the same manner. Bend the snell of one hook at the halfway mark and then slip this bend through the eye loop of a second hook. Now, take that second hook and pass it through the loop of the bend in the first snell, and draw the second hook completely through until the eye loop of the second hook snugs up against the bend of the first hook snell. Now tie a simple overhand knot in the snell of the first hook, which will keep both hooks securely in place at all times, even with a double-header on of two battling porgies at the same time.

Because of their small mouths, porgies are notorious bait stealers. You can defeat them at their own game most of the time if you keep hook sizes small and, by the same token, keep baits small too. For the run-of-the-mill sand porgies that inhabit Long Island Sound, hook sizes from four to eight in Beak,

Sproat, or O'Shaughnessy patterns should work well. Larger fish running from one to three pounds can be caught readily on hooks of the same pattern that are no larger than size #1, or 1/0 at the utmost.

Two other rigs worth mentioning are the "Peconic" or high-low rig and the sliding sinker rig—each equally effective in their own time and place. The Peconic or high-low rig, consists of one hook tied about two inches above the sinker, and a second hook tied about eighteen inches above the first hook, or just high enough above it to avoid entanglement with it. This particular rig not only can result in porgy catches, but other species as well, especially if that high hook is baited with a strip of squid, which attracts fish such as stripers, blues, weakfish, fluke, or sea bass, as well as high-cruising porgies.

The bottom hook can be baited with any different bait, such as fresh clams or seaworms, or even with another strip of squid. We usually opt for bloodworms, which porgies love, in bays or sounds, and pieces of fresh clam in ocean water, believing in all instances that a variety of bait can prove more productive by allowing you to easily determine which bait is more preferred at that time. When fish show a marked preference for one particular bait, we merely switch to baiting both hooks with it, thereby increasing our chances of hook-ups.

The sliding sinker rig is merely a spinoff on a fish finder rig, using an oval egg sinker instead of a bank sinker and connector. Tying this rig is simple. Run the end of your line through the hole of an egg sinker and tie it to one end of a barrel swivel, using an improve clinch knot to do so. Tie the eye loop of one hook to the other end of the barrel swivel, then convert it to a tandem rig, following the instructions laid out above. You will find that the barrel swivel will prevent the sinker from sliding down onto the hooks, and you might also find that this rig will increase your sense of feeling fish bite, because of the unobstructed direct flow from hook to fingers without distracting sinker weight.

Whether in ocean or bay, you can fish for porgies either by remaining at anchor or by drifting. Sometimes when the action is slow and the weather permits, a slow drift might be more productive, if only because you can cover a greater amount of possibly productive bottom in this manner. Should you decide to drift, select a day that is not too windy—both for safety's sake and because a fast drift may prove worse than no drift at all by outrunning any interested fish.

Porgies love fast water; choose a spot off a channel, anchor, chum a bit, and wait out your fish. They'll come around if you wait for 'em. We seem to get more action on moving tides, and prefer half-incoming or half-outgoing to any slack periods, although the top of the tide has proven more productive than low ebb. Try to choose a spot away from boat traffic if possible, as porgies are shy critters. Stay off main channels: you shouldn't be fishing in channels anyway—it's illegal—and make as little noise as possible. Throttle down and glide in as you approach your spot, slip the anchor in as noiselessly as possible, and do not create any excess noise while sitting there.

Because of this shyness, porgies are often caught away from the boat. Next time, try casting a short way beyond the boat, taking precautions to not hook anyone's ear in the process by using underhand casts. And try chumming. You can't beat a chumpot full of clam bellies to attract porgies to your baits. Tied to a cleat and lowered to the bottom directly under the boat, that chum pot tolls a death knell when shaken occasionally to dispense tiny bits of flesh down-current with the essence of clam juices.

Tie several hooks on long snells—about double normal length should do the trick—for tempting temperamental porgies. Quite often these noise-shy critters are line shy also, and those longer leaders will fool 'em every time. A long, slow lift will help you to feel cautious feeders better, and often triggers hesitant fish to grab baits that appear to be escaping.

The singularly frustrating feature of porgies is their quickness; they're so fast that most of the time when you feel 'em bite and try to stick 'em, they're long gone, leaving you with bare hooks and dumb looks. Our many years of frustration have led us to develop a technique we call "tic" fishing, and perhaps this method can help you, too.

When dropping baited hooks to the bottom, take all slack out of your line and try to develop the feeling of having your sinker stand upright, instead of just laying there. Holding your tackle to keep this sinker that way, with the rod tucked under your arm and your fingers reaching under and around the reel, grasp the line coming off the reel between your thumb and forefinger. You will feel a slight metallic tic before you feel any actual porgy bite. We think this is the result of the porgy touching the hook with its lips as it tastes the bait prior to swallowing it, and have taken to striking at that instance, rather than waiting for the normal tug, or bite, that we normally associate with fishing.

The results have been phenomenal and we have more than doubled our successful hooking ratio with this technique. Try it next time out. Maybe you'll beat that porgy at its own game, by catching it before it bites, and by doing so you, too, might often see something silver at the end of your own line!

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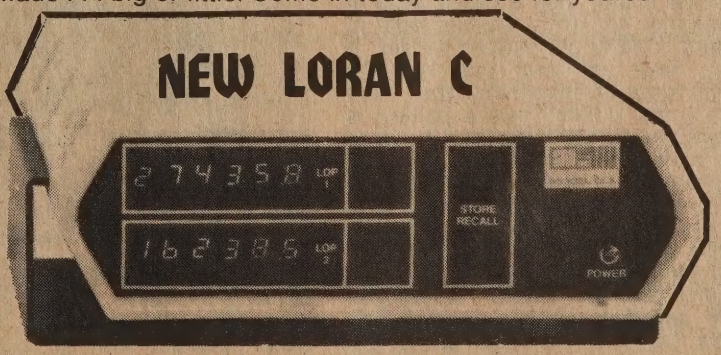

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NEW YORK BIGHT FALL SPEEDSTERS

by Guy DeBlasio

Another bright October morning with the sun just up over the horizon in the east, which made its presence felt by the sharp glare reflecting off the surface of the water as we made our way to the Cholera Banks in search of the fall speedsters: albacore and bonito. These smaller members of the tuna family, with their endless erratic runs at high speeds and never-ending power when hooked on light tackle, will make for some of the best fishing you'll ever experience. As we continued on our way, I prepared our bait and chum, which was spearing and bunker chum. I began to separate the larger spearing—these will be used for bait on the hooks; while the smaller spearing will be ladled out into the chum slick which attracts the albacore and bonito and helps keep them close to the boat. This is why you're able to see them take your hook.

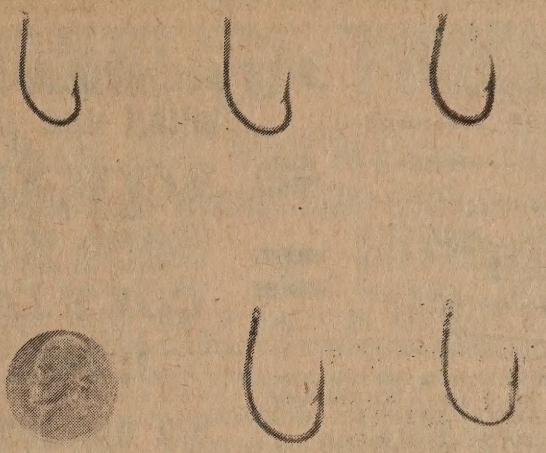
As we arrived at Cholera, we could see a few boats anchored up and their mates running the decks with long pole gaffs. I maneuvered my boat on the outskirts of the fleet to a point a half a mile southeast and dropped anchor. Once we were securely anchored, my brother Bill began the chum slick with a ladle of bunker chum, then a half a ladle of spearing, and then another ladle of chum. This is the pattern we set. If you have, or have not had the experience of chumming, then here are a few tidbits: once a pattern is developed, don't break it; pace yourself—don't over-chum. It can make the fish sit way out of range of "your" offering; spread out the bunker chum—don't drop gobs of it close to the boat. When ladling out spearing, this is the only time one chums close to the boat, so you can see any fish coming through the slick. Ladles can be made easily: get a stick about 12"-15" long and about a quarter inch thick and a half-inch wide; then take a tuna fish can or something of similar size with one side off and nail it to one end of the stick; at the other end put some electrical tape so you can get a better grip and the wood doesn't irritate your hand or give you splinters.

Getting back to the trip: Bill baited his albacore hook with one of the large spearing that I separated earlier and tossed it out into the chum slick. Bill was using a Penn 140M Squidder with an eight foot medium action rod with fifteen pound test Ande line. I began tossing a Vi-Ke #4. My outfit consisted of a Penn 500 reel loaded with thirty pound mono Ande line and an eight foot medium action rod. On my fifth cast, I was in. The thirty pound test Ande line flew off my reel some thirty-five to forty yards on the first run, with the fish heading dead astern. Then, without warning, the fish made an abrupt right-hand turn and headed toward the bow in high gear. I was right behind him. You have to stay with him all the time—this is a must. Reeling as fast as I could, trying to gain as much line as possible and to keep the line taut. This is another "must." No sooner did I reach the bow, when the albacore had plans of his own and made a short run straight out from the boat some twenty yards, then made a sharp left turn heading back towards the stern. Once again, I made my way back to the stern as fast as I could so the fish would not cut me off under the

boat. They are known for this maneuver. I brought the albacore close to the boat three or four times, only to have him run off again. On the fifth or sixth time, Bill gaffed an albacore of about seventeen pounds. With the fish in the boat, I took a rest and relieved Bill on the chum pot. Now it was Bill's turn. He was using a Penn 140M Squidder filled with fifteen pound test line and an albacore hook tied right to the end of the line, with a spearing hooked right through the back; and allowed it to drift free in the chum slick. If you have a lot of wind or current, then add a small split shot. Bill's offering was ten feet from the boat; his rod bent sharply and his line peeled off. Bill set the hook and the battle was on. I kept the chum slick going. I then threw out another ladle of spearing. Within three feet of the boat I could see six or seven albacore fly through the slick eating spearing. Well, this was too much to look at without wetting a line.

I reached for my light outfit and baited my hook with a spearing, then I tossed over another ladle of spearing and put my baited hook right in the middle within three to four feet of the boat. Out of nowhere—there they were, flying through the slick once again, about eight this time. All of a sudden, the rod bent and the line was off and running at a fast pace with the spool still open and my thumb being used as a brake. I reared back and set the hook. Bill had his fish to the boat about five times; but this time with one hand, he gaffed the fish which went about sixteen pounds. Well, this went on the rest of the morning till we had slack water. By now we had a total of fourteen albacore.

With no tide left and not much doing, we pulled up anchor and headed towards Ambrose Tower to fish the ridge at the change of the tide. We arrived and anchored up amongst a few other private and party boats, also waiting during slack tide, chumming lightly. After awhile, the tide began moving. Bill had taken one of the bluefish rods and baited his hook with a few spearing. About thirty-five feet out, Bill had a fish on. As Billy was fighting his fish, I noticed green flashes in the slick. I reached for my rod with the fifteen pound test line which had the albacore hook. I then placed the hook through the back of one large spearing and flipped it into the chum slick. Instantly, a bonito of about eight pounds took my offering and was off and running. By this time, Bill had his fish to the boat and was yelling for the gaff; but I had my hands full, so I tightened down the drag, horsed the bonito to the boat and flipped it aboard. Then I gaffed Bill's bluefish, which went about twelve pounds.



Our total for the day's fishing was fifteen bonito to ten pounds; fourteen albacore to eighteen pounds; six bluefish with the largest going to twenty pounds (which is shown in accompanying photo), taken on a Vi-ke #4, along with the albacore and bonito.

To take these fish, all you would need would be a few cans of bunker chum, a few cans of spearing, some albacore hooks and light line, such as fifteen pound test for the tuna family and thirty pound test for the bluefish.

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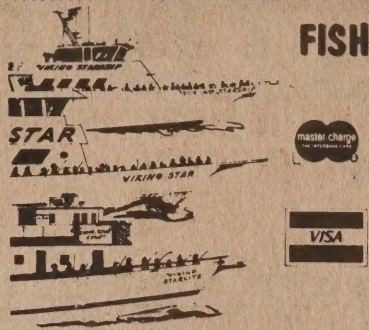

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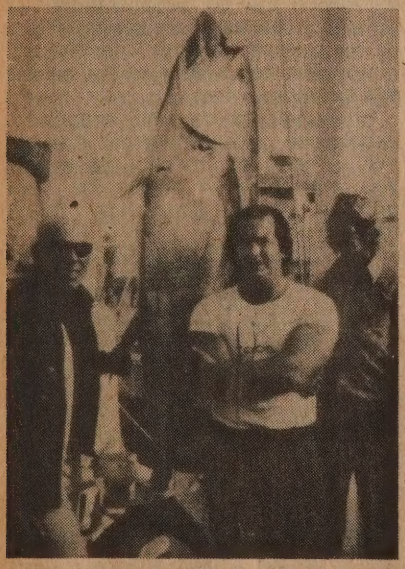
The Viking Fleet reports the codfishing at Coxes Ledge remains strong, fish still running in the 8-12 lb. range with some outsized hangers thrown in each trip. Block Island bluefishing at night has been very good also, fish running around the 20 lb. mark for pool winners with the general run of fish in the high teens. Fluking has been fair.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** called to say that the weekend's high hook was only 51 porgies, but overall it did not compare to the excellent fishing had during the week. The jumbos filled almost every bucket aboard as anglers scored with 25 to 80 porgies each. Best action has been Cerebrus Shoals and Midway Rips.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** said that he fished the Southeast Light off Block Island on Saturday and bagged 90 bluefish and 12 weakfish trolling and



Captain Phil Lewis of the charterboat "Adios," left; Tom Shaw, center, and mate Ray with a 244 lb. bluefin tuna that Tom whipped in 45 minutes last Tuesday at Montauk.

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considerations. I would like to urge each of you to contact your Senators urging their support for full funding. Also, you'll be interested to know that Senator Robert Byrd is Chairman of the Subcommittee and Senator Ted Stevens is the Ranking Republican.

Once again, thanks for your help on the striped bass study. John H. Chafee, U.S. Senator.

NORMAN LENT REPORTS CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDS FOR JONES INLET

This past week, the House approved a final version of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill containing $40,000 to start the economic, engineering feasibility and environmental impact study of the proposal to widen and deepen Jones Inlet and the Freeport Channel. I had sought—and the House had passed—a $100,000 appropriation for the start of the $950,000 four-year study, but the Senate's $40,000 appropriation prevailed.

This sum will be sufficient to begin the study in October at the start of the new Fiscal Year, assuming President Carter signs the appropriations bill.

The economic benefit of the project to the South Shore was dramatically demonstrated late last month when the Santa Rosario docked in the Woodcleft Canal. The Santa Rosario is a ninety-foot fishing boat and is the largest ever to dock in Freeport's Woodcleft Canal. Because of the big fishing boat's presence, Captain Ben's, the packing house and fish store which bought the cargo, was able to sell fresh scallops for a dollar per pound less than the going price. And the owners of the boat saved the fuel and time involved in traveling to their normal port of Norfolk, Virginia.

The dangers and navigating difficulties of the narrow, shallow inlet and channel were also graphically demonstrated in the visit of the Santa Rosario. Although the big fishing boat came in at full high tide and was guided by an experienced local boatman, its skipper, Tommy Gaede, reported the boat hit bottom three or four times.

You can be certain that between now and October 1, I will be in close contact with the Army Corps of Engineers to press for immediate action in initiating the study.

With the important support of government representatives like Nassau County Executive Francis T. Purcell, Hempstead's Presiding Supervisor Alphonse M. D'Amato and Freeport's Mayor William H. White, I will also press hard in future Congressional appropriations for full funding so that the study can be completed as rapidly as possible.

I am confident the study will show clearly the necessity for substantial improvements in the Jones Inlet to increase the safety of the forty thousand sport and recreational boats using the inlet annually, and to bring substantial economic benefits to the South Shore area in the form of increased tourism, more ships, more jobs, and, of course, a plus for consumers in the form of the availability of a wider variety of the finest fresh seafood at lowest possible prices for the Long Island market.

NEEDS INFO ON FILM & SLIDE SHOWS

As House Committee Chairman at Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Ct., I am attempting to organize a program of film or slide presentations, for use in the winter months, for the entertainment or possible edification of our members. I understand that you might be able to direct me to organizations or other sources of such presentations on the subject of sea or river fishing, or possibly to related topics as the sea, boating, travel.

If you would be kind enough to supply me with any such information, or send me any catalogs or lists you may have, I would be very grateful. *G. R. Simmonds, Tarrytown, N.Y.*

Most clubs and organizations are hungry for such films and happily, they are available. However, there are precious few on saltwater fishing typical of the northeast. Most films are about tarpon, snook, and offshore big game fishing. They are exciting and worth seeing. There are also films on freshwater fishing that are available in great profusion and a few on rod making and knot tying. The American Sportsman rents out some of their films and they can be contacted in Connecticut. All of the major tackle manufacturers have films available also. Try DuPont, Garcia-Mitchell, Johnson-Evinrude, Mercury, and boat manufacturers. Write away to their public relations departments. States like Florida and California have fishing films too; try their Chambers of Commerce. Locally, you can contact manufacturers like Tri-Fin Products in Smithtown as well as some bait and tackle stores. Many offer presentations. Good luck. Dr. W. A. Muller

A triple bagger of marlin taken by Judy, Ronnie, Pete and wife Luba Hults on the private boat "Scuba Luba" earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Henry's Star Island Yacht Club.

diamond jigging. On Sunday, there were a few weaks and blues at the Triangle. He stopped at Great Eastern and took 3 dozen blues and a bass on diamond jigs. On his afternoon trip, 50 small blues and a few weaks were taken.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** reported that the school tuna fishing is very good now south of the Point. He's been taking between 6 and 12 fish a trip, plus a mess of albacore. Friday's score was 12 bluefin from 20-35 lbs., and on Sunday, 8 tuna were taken ranging up to 40 lbs. A couple of big fish were dropped. All the action is trolling feathers.

Captain Gene Kelly of the **Sea Doll** called to say that there is a lot of bluefin tuna around and they're starting to bite. On Wednesday, he caught a 212 lb. bluefin tuna south of Fairway Buoy off of Block Island chumming. On Friday, he had a bluefin tuna of about 75 lbs. on a diamond jig that was lost after 20 minutes. Sunday lost a fish of 200-300 lbs. on fifty pound tackle while chumming. On Sunday, Frank Mundus took a 1,080 lb. mako shark that may be a new IGFA world record. Bluefish very good at Southeast Light off Block Island, Cartwright Grounds and the Triangle.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reported great tuna fishing this week with a lot of action.

On Tuesday, Tom Shaw fought a 244 lb. tuna for 45 minutes. The fish looked larger because of its length when the Captain boated it. It was caught on rigged muller. On Friday, a party picked up 80 bluefish, then went shark fishing, bring in a 197 lb. mako shark. On Saturday, Paul Keogh of Canada brought in a 375 lb. tuna which almost stripped the line 7 times and fought an hour-and-a half. Spanish mackerel was used. All in all, a real hot week.

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Captain Jack Paccie of the charter boat **Windy** called to tell us he's been fishing south of Block Island and getting blues in 80' of water. His party had 146 blues on Wednesday using umbrellas, fish 5-18 lbs. Thursday's trip for a family saw 20 bonito trolled off the beach and then blues umbrellaed in the North Rips. Sunday's trip was diamond jigging off Block Island and the catch was over 1000 lbs. of blues in the 5-18 lb. class.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** called to say he's been loading up the last three weeks on porgies and blues. Ron's best on porgies was 550 lbs. for one charter and the best 3 bluefish charters were 680 lbs. of alligators caught at Cartwright up to 18¾ lbs.; 725 lbs. caught off Block Island up to 11 lb. monsters; and Sunday's charter for Ray Chinies of New Jersey with 650 lbs. caught south of Block.

Gone Fishing Marina reports that morning fluking has been good, but it slows down in the afternoon. Lewis Starace had 16 fluke and a sea bass on Sunday fishing just north of buoy 5. Fluke are also being picked up south of the Light and south of the radar dome. This has been on strips baits and also sand eels. Porgy fishing has remained good at Great Eastern and just before the weekend, they were picked up at Shagwong. There's a good sized school of blues in about 95' of water, 9-15 lbers are swimming at Cartwright and they're hitting diamond jigs with abandon. Other blues are

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This 11½ lb. doormat was taken off of Shagwong on outgoing water by Roy Bennett of Floral Park. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

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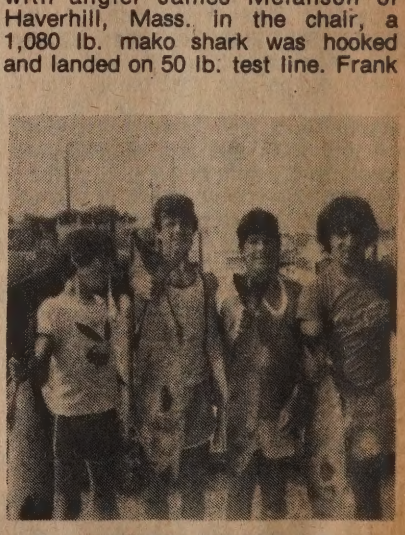
at Southwest Ledge, the Sub Buoy and Southeast Light off Block. Particularly large blues are south of Southeast Light. Weaks have shown at the Sub Buoy and are hitting diamond jigs on a very, very slow retrieve.

Captain Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** says the offshore action continues good with plenty of blue shark caught and released this week. His charters also accounted for 2, 80-lb. class makos. A half dozen small tuna trolled west of the Butterfish Hole in 145-160' of water. Blues and weaks now in the Triangle with good inshore catches. Book early for fall inshore trips.

Captain Frank Mundus has done it again. Aboard his boat **Cricket II** with angler James Melanson of Haverhill, Mass. in the chair, a 1,080 lb. mako shark was hooked and landed on 50 lb. test line. Frank



Steve Walfish, Pat Kirby, Dave Russell and Tony Pagliaro are shown with some of the 30 big blues and weaks they took trolling at the Tin Can Grounds on the charterboat "Sea Bee."

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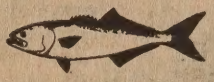

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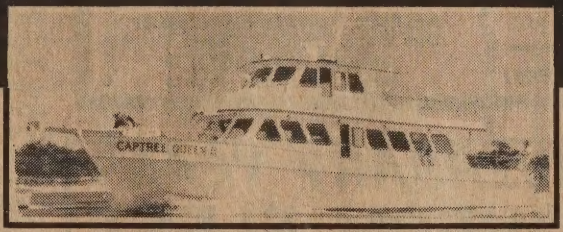

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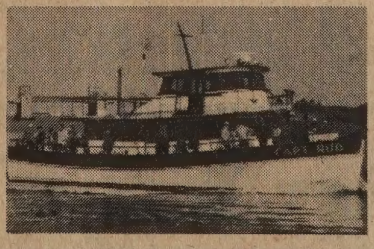

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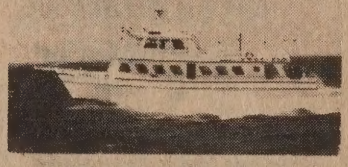

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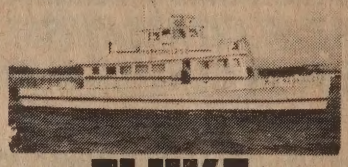

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Light, medium blues at Southwest Ledge, big blues southeast of Block and for jumbos, it's Cartwright. These fish are basically being diamond jigged.

Captain Gary Kiefer of the charter boat **Barracuda** reports lots of lively big blue shark offshore and quite a few makos. They've also been taking some school tuna. Gary says inshore fishing slowed down on Sunday, however, the boat has some choice September dates open for offshore fishing.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
WEAKS

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Fleet reports excellent weaks in Peconic Bay. Thursday, Lou Rossow of Glen Oaks had 14 weaks and won the pool with a 4 lber. Blacks improving on the Peconic wrecks and fiddler crabs will be available by the weekend. Porgies are steady but not too big. The **Captain Clark II** plans an offshore wreck trip for sea bass and blacks on Saturday, weather permitting.

Thom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** reported that Doc. Frank Piccano checked in a catch of 12 weakfish from 1 to 6½ lbs. The catch was made Sunday evening at the Rose Grove on squid strips. Fishing the northeast side of Gardiner's Island, Frank DePaulo of the Kim, trolled up a nice catch of bonito and blues in the 7 to 10 lb. class on black-tubed umbrella rigs. Of the fluke fishing at Gardiner's, Thom told us that Hy Glick on his boat the Lillian K, returned with 6 fluke up to 6½ lbs. on Saturday. The catch ws made during outgoing tide with sandeel and squid combos. Snappers good all over the area and out apologies to Ed Pribil who was named in last week's report as Bill Prybil.

MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** reports Saturday was a washout due to the rain. Sunday saw super fishing in the hole northeast of buoy 42. Hank Schlanger had 13 weaks on squid plus a total of 50 porgies, flounder, fluke and sea bass on worm and clam. Chet Louie and party of NYC had 17 weaks and the same mixed bag fishing the same area, same baits. Weaks averaging 2½ lbs., largest running up to 5 lbs. Fluking in the inlet is fair. Blueclaw crabs at buoy 43 are a hot item.

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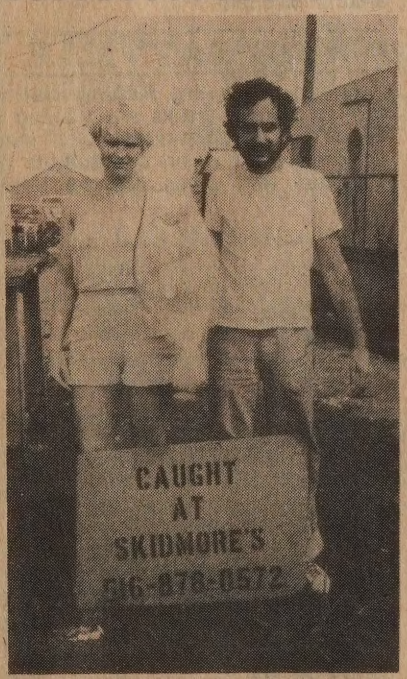

This 7 lb. doormat was part of a 15 fish catch made by Marie and Jim Micolo at Buoy 15. The couple used spearing and left from Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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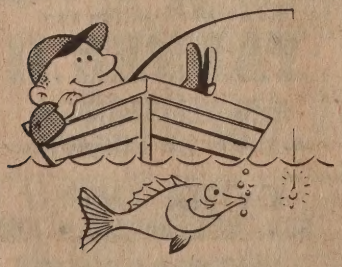

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WEAKS

MASTIC BEACH

Bill at **Stiriz' Fishing Station** says the crabbing is phenomenal, big and in quantities. Four men in one skiff with 8 traps had 400 blueclaw crabs using bunker and mackerel bait. All skiffs returned with at least a full bushel of blueclaws. Best has been from buoy 17 to the bridge. Some 2-3 lb. weaks from buoy 17 to the bridge, best in traps. The weaks are being taken on squid tipped Salty Dogs, incoming best. Fair catches of blowfish being made in crab traps. Nineteen were taken by one boat crabbing at buoys 9 and 10.

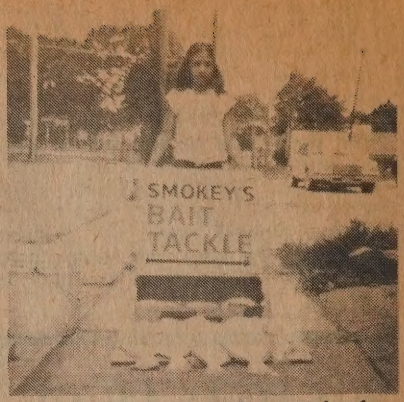
SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports very good weakfishing scattered through the bay. The area off of Sayville has been producing some good scores on squid strips. The same bait has taken some sea bass at buoy 11 while fluke are being picked at buoys 29 and 30. Also some porgies at buoy 12. Plenty of snappers around and crabbing in the area is excellent.

WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells of 3-5 lb. weaks are making a lot of people happy, mostly 1 mile off Browns River on squid. Lots of snappers and crabs off the West Ave. dock. Charlie Hofer of W. Babylon put away 25 weaks on Sunday between 3-5 lbs. fishing between buoy 29 and Browns River.

John Gibson and crew display some of the 120 blueclaw crabs they took at Buoy 17. Photo courtesy of Stiriz' Marina.



Joanna Pennica with a catch of 24 fluke taken in West Channel on spearing and squid. Assisting in the catch aboard the Giovanna, were Larry and Tony Pennica. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

OAKDALE

J&R Sports tells us that Tony Castellano of Deer Park and Dave Canalli of W. Sayville on Saturday decked 55 blackfish up to 5½ lbs. fishing the Kismet Reef on sand crabs. They caught on both tides. Weaks at buoys 28, 29 and 5, best results on a shad rig with squid strips. Fish are running 1-6 lbs. and they are there in quantities.

EAST ISLIP

Wally at **Buoy 2 Sport Shop** reports plenty of small weakfish being taken on the Hecksher Park Grounds. All of this aciton is on squid strips. He called the fluke fishing in the area "slow" and described the crabbing in the area as the best in years.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle says fluke fishing picked up Wed. anywhere from the lighthouse to the inlet with some boats catching 10-12 fluke on squid and spearing. Albert Allen had a smorgasbord of 4 kings, 4 blows, some sea bass, and a bushel of porgies plus a couple of fluke at buoy 12 Ocean Beach. Weaks around the clam dredges and at Heckscher on jelly worms and also hi-lo rigs with squid. A few tuna around the NB buoy on yellow and green feathers. Outside its bluefish in 80' of water off Patchogue. Charter boat Rum and Coke II trolled 25 blues up to 7 lbs, 3 bonito, 2 skippies on Sunday. Wednesday the boat had 4 longfin albacore at the Canyon. Snappers and crabs excellent at any of the Bay Shore docks.

Dolores at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** reports Carl Fogliano took weakfish

on live snapper up to 10 lbs. at the Lighthouse Friday. Joe Mitola of Babylon had a mixed bag of sea bass, blacks and porgies at Kismet Reef on clam. Lots of bigger crabs and snappers around now.

Charter boat **Sea Ranger** had 2 bluefin tuna Sunday weighing 13 lbs. 8 oz., 12 and 11 lbs. plus 12 skippies. This was on mackerel painted cedar jigs for N. Babylon Station #3 Fire Department.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports great crabbing on the flats with scoop nets in particular. One customer had a big load of porgies and fluke Sunday taken at the Kismet Reef. Snappers are all over the place.

The open boat **Casey Lee** reported that fluke fishing has been a tough pick in recent days with 25 to 75 keepers a day being taken aboard the boat. Best action has been on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb in Snake Hill Channel, Dickerson Channel, and at Sexton Island. Spearing, killies and squid have all been taking fish.

CAPTREE

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** called to say that the leap job on medium to large blues has continued all through Saturday night. These fish are on the bottom and fares are bailing fish like there's no tomorrow using a 6 oz. sinker with a baited steel leadered hook tied in 2-3 feet above the sinker. Your reporter fished aboard the Captree Queen Wednesday night and can attest to some of the most frantic bluefish pulling he's ever experienced. You're not down five seconds before there's a fish on. Unbelievable!

Captain Sam of the charter boat **Eleanor** called to tell us that Saturday's charter for Howard Schubert Company bagged a few fluke at the inlet. Sunday's trip for Henry Schein Co., Inc. saw 17 men bagging 12 bonito and skippies while trolling to Patchogue. Once off Patchogue Beach they jigged some 150 good blues. Bill Jantzen had 23 and his son had 21. This was on green bananas and banana splits. Saturday night saw super catches though the water was rough. The boat has a few September Saturday's available.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the charter boat **Lady Ann** reports blues an absolute slaughter during the night trips. Friday and Saturday saw super fishing in 80' of water off of Patchogue for choppers running from 4 to 10 lbs. On Saturday night the **Lady Ann** was headed home by 11:30 p.m laden down with blues. On Sunday's day trip, 130 blues in the 5 to 8 lb. class were taken on jigs in the same Patchogue area. A Saturday charter enjoyed excellent fishing for sea bass and porgies at the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Capt. Neil asked us to remind readers that they will make their last reservation bluefish trip on Sunday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m. These reservation trips are limited to 30 anglers.

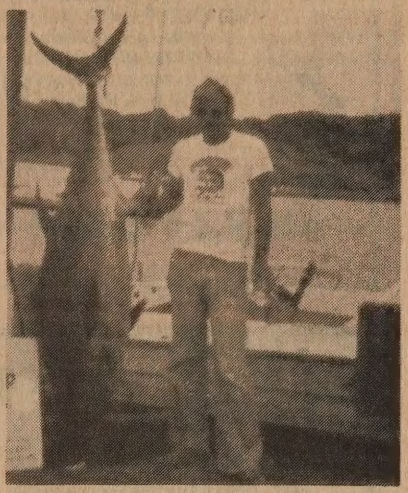
Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported excellent bluefishing both nights and days. The night fishing is mostly on bait while during the daylight hours the choppers have been responding to both bait and jigs. Fishing has been done off of Patchogue where fish are mixed in size, running anywhere from 6 to 15 lbs. A few bonito and skipjack are mixed in with the blues and on Saturday a 15 lb. tuna was landed by one angler but was beat out for the pool by a larger bluefish. Last Wednesday, Bill Plum was high hook on the day trip with 58 choppers taken on jigs.

Capt. Patricia Litwin of the open boat **Capt. Ben Litwin** reported that fluke fishing has been slow all week. They have been fishing from the bridge to the inlet and have been taking some nice size sea bass along with the fluke. Spearing and squid and sandeel and squid combos provide the best action.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported super bluefishing from Patchogue to the Oregon Wreck. The day fishing is all on jigs while bait takes fish at night. Speedy said the fish run from 5 to 15 lbs. and a few bonito along with the first skipjack were mixed in with the blues. Once again, fluke fishing was described as slow.

OAK BEACH

The Store reported that the weakfishing and bluefishing in the Inlet area has tapered off in recent days. Hayes called the fluke fishing picky but did say there are loads of snappers and crabs off of all the local docks.



Bob Gustafson, skipper of the Intruder, with a 209 lb. bluefin landed by Bob Hall, south of Moriches Inlet. Fish was weighed in at Shoreline Marina.

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This 176 lb. mako was landed aboard the charterboat "Sea Ranger" by Eugene Metzger of Bay Shore.

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AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports fluking slow but should improve again once the fish start to move out. Plenty of sand porgies at West Island and Ft. Neck Pt. on clam and worms with an abundance of clam and crabs. Some weaks on large snappers from the state channel at Zachs Bay. Bonito and blues in 75' of water and out. Tuna in 110' of water on out to the Canyon. Lots of true albacore in the Canyon, all on feathers and squid spoons. Sunday saw Bill Spraul and Shakespeare Rep Dick Mermon fish at the 80' mark and bag 15 bonito to 12 lbs. in just 2 hours.

SEAFORD

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station reports poor fluking during the week, but they will soon be coming off the flats into the channels and in the next few weeks fluking should really pick up. Flounder have started to show. One customer had 10 keepers on the weekend. There should be a last good shot at the fluke coming up. Crabs and snappers very good right now.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station agrees with the slow fluking. A few flounder have been taken. Plenty of sand porgies at the bridges on clam and worm baits. Flounder time is coming, so sharpen your hooks.

Pop's Fishing Station reports the largest fluke of the week was a 5lber caught by a Mr. Perkins of Ozone Park. High hook for the week was Ed Love with 17 keepers up to 3½ lbs. using killies and spearing combos fishing west of the 3rd bridge. Saturday saw Henry Erickson of Jersey with 11 keepers fishing the same area, same bait. Snappers still abundant. Bob Barret caught in excess of 100. Crabs plentiful. Mr. Porcelli of Yonkers crabbed several times this week with a minimum catch of half bushel each time out. John says still no report or word on the missing people, boat and motor, per last week's LIF.

Wanser's Bait and Tackle says snapper fishing is dynamite on spearing and small tins with high tide best. Crabbing has been excellent throughout the bays. Weaks at the bridge at night, one hour eiether side of the high on snappers or sand worms. Fluking has been a little better in Sloop channel on sand eels between the 3rd bridge and the

piers. Sand porgies on worm and clam throughout the bay at the bridges and in the holes. Some kings and blacks also being caught.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says Tues. was the last really good fluke day. After that it's been about 5-6 keepers per boat, best areas being Haunts, Broads and Neds Creek. Lots of snappers. Joe Dymant on his boat Pelican umbrellaed 5 schoolie bass at the inlet Fri. No flounder yet to speak of. Sand porgies at the bridges on clam or worm.

The Singing Dog at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore sings about blacks and sea bass at the Meadowbrook bridges on clam. Some very slight flounder activity. A few schoolie bass at the inlet on umbrellas. Snappers and crabs abundant.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of 20 skippies taken over Thursday and Friday by Bob Lamonzoff in 140' of water south of the inlet. Bob Gromson and Jim Collins boated 13 good keeper fluke Sunday to 5 lbs. fishing off Playland with killie, squid and spearing. Some weaks at the Meadowbrook bridge to 10 lbs. on snappers or sand worms near the flood, fish 3' off the bottom. Crabbing still very good. Two customers with scoop nets had 150 one day this past week.

The Harry Dreckman party returned with this pile of blues after a charter board the boat "Shalidon." The fish were taken on bait, jigging, and trolling.

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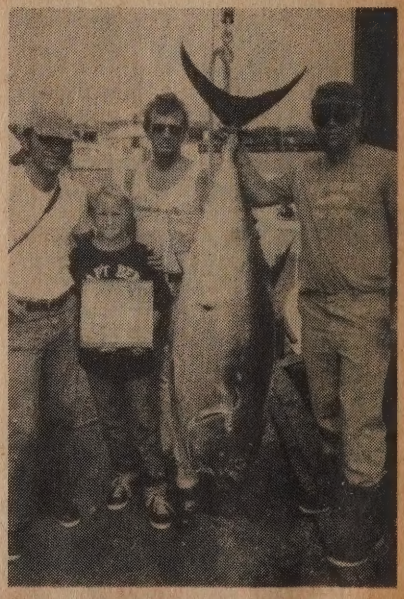
BLUES

FREEPORT

Captain Richie on the **Starstream II** reports all week and weekend long has seen excellent night bluefishing. Catches were super during the days on Tues., Wed., and Thurs., and these were with alligators up to 17 lbs. mainly on jigs. He's talking about CONSISTEN fishing. Friday was good till noon and Sat. they picked away at skipsjacks, bonito and a few blues. Friday and Saturday nights blue remained excellent. Sunday's day trip saw action bounce back again with fish 5-10 lbs. LIF Staffer Stu Miller sailed Tues. night's trip and with Captain Chris up in the wheelhouse, an utterly unbelievable leap job was had fishing S.E. of the Inlet. Six ounce sinkers would take a baited hook to the bottom and within seconds a smashing bluefish strike would occur. Stu yanked approximately 16 big blues. This had to be some of the fastest and most frantic bluefishing that a lot of people have ever seen.

Bluefin Fleet reports that Capt. Ed Geyer on Sat. night's trip aboard the **Bluefin II** filled the box with blues fishing off Patchogue. Satur-



The crew from the ORCA weighed in this 234 lb. big eye tuna at the Charvin Fishing Station. Included in the catch, which was made at the Hudson Canyon, were a 63 lb. swordfish and an 80 lb. mako.

day's and Sunday's charters had weaks to 10 lbs. plus blues and fluke fishing to the southwest. Monday thru Thursday it was blues off Patchogue up to 12 lbs. 8 oz. Friday slowed.

The **Captain Al** reports that on decent days blues are coming in up to 350 a trip and anywhere from 150-250 weaks a day. He has had as high as 17 weaks a man, up to 11 lbers. Sunday's fishing was all weaks, with over 175 tiderunners brought up. Al has been fishing Ambrose and the Sandy Hook area. He calls it some real good fishing, the year of the weaks. Al says they're really taking up the slack when the blues turn up their noses occasionally. Al says he's never caught so many weaks on the boat as he has this year.

Charter boat **Nan Sea** called to say Sunday's half day charter for Rocky Sagarese of Wantagh had a mixed bag of blues, green bonito and oceanic bonito trolling spoons and feathers in 60-80' of water.

The Freeport Boatmens Association says that during the week Association boats fished day and night off Patchogue and loaded up on blues. On Friday, they all boated up at 17 Fathoms chumming blues. Fluke boats are doing very well at Ambrose on fluke and weaks. On Sat., Atlantic, Norsemen and Nite Owl II worked 17 Fathoms while the Acme II, Captain Joe and Capt. II worked Cholera enjoying catches of blues and bonito on chum. The channels are producing blues and weaks. Fishing between the channels and the HA, skippies and football tuna are being trolled.

Charter boat **Ivory Queen** on Fri. had Charlie Nolan and party (Flushing) out and they had 20 skippies, 3 bluefin tuna. Hi hook was Lenny Christino with 5 skippies and 1 tuna. This was on red and white feathers

Barry Belsky, Dave Novick, Norm Cappelson, Ed Romar, Art Liso, and Don Towsky had 500 lbs. of blues and bonito on a recent trip aboard the charter boat "Kim."

Tony Cassese and Rosemary Cook with 28 blackfish up to 7½ lbs., caught at Center Island Reef. Subscriber photo.

and cedar jigs, fish 8-25 lbs. Saturday the law firm of Gullatta, Guilatta and Stein fished the Tin Can for catches of weaks and blues to 8 lbs. Sunday's trip for Andy Stone and group at the Tin Can saw a dozen weaks come over the rail up to 10 lbs. on Ava jigs, bananas and banana splits.

Captain Mike of the **Captain Lou III** called to tell us that Mon. thru Thurs. fluking was very good to excellent, fish averaging 3 lbs., plenty of 4 lbers, a few 5 lbers and the biggest a 6½ lber. This was at the channels. The boat fished in the bay Fri. and Sat. and caught but things were slower. Sunday's catch jumped again at the channels. Mike says he'll be working some wrecks also. Catches were on killies, sand eels, spearing and fluke skin.

The **Captain Hall** reports fluking up and down this past week but that Sun. saw a big improvement with 11 keepers taken on one, 15-min. drift. Largest fluke of the week was 4 lbs. and they're fishing just 15 mins. from the dock, also getting lots of small sea bass and porgies.

The **Miss Freeport II** has been having great weaks and blues catches at Ambros, blues from 1-3 lbs. and weaks 6-10 lbs. all diamond jigs. The boat is still fluking, sailing 10AM weekdays. Captain Tony will be sailing Sat., Sun. and Monday for blues at 7:30 p.m.

Richie at **Charvin Fishing Station** reaffirms the great fluking at Ambrose along with their weakfish catches. Locally a few blues were trolled very deep at Cholera. The main body of blues has been at Patchogue. Locally plenty of blueclaw crabs and snappers with snapper bait accounting for a few weaks at the bridge. Some flounder starting in Baldwin Bay and the station has a good stock of sand worms.

The **Aloma II** reports doing a fantastic job on the fluke at Ambrose to the tune of 5-12 big keeper fluke per man, fish up to 8 lbs.

Captain Dave of the charter boat **The Rogue** reported he's been baiting and trolling blues all week long between 35-85' of water. It's been either trolled umbrellas or

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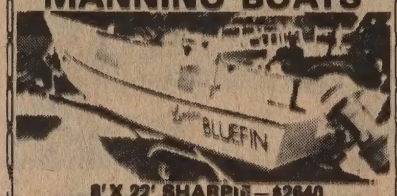

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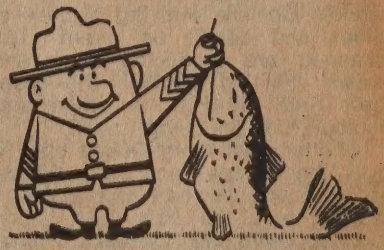

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bunker chunks or butterfish bait. Dave says he has very few open days left for the balance of the season.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports some fluke caught this week at Swift Creek and off the CG Station and a few other scattered fish. Snappers and crabs remain decent. Flounders, sand porgies and sea bass at the bridges on worm and clam. Some other small flounder catches off the bay shacks in Swift Creek and at high flats drain.

Mark's Bait and Tackle reports that on Sunday, the Christie Lee had 24 skipjack and 1, 35-lb. tuna fishing in 100' of water due south of Jones. Baldwin angler Ed Bender bagged a 5 lb. 8 oz. fluke at the Meadowbrook Bridge on live snapper.

POINT LOOKOUT

At **Ed's Fishing Station** we were told that fluke fishing has been on the slow side with the best action being found on the flats near buoy 18 and the golf course. Weakfish in the 8 to 10 lb. class are being taken on live snappers at both the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges. Fluke fishing for private boats has been very good at the Tin Can Grounds and at Ambrose Channel. Bill Blitz of the private boat Off the Record, returned with 25 fluke in the 3 to 4 lb. class on Saturday. Blues are found in 45' of water south of the inlet for trollers and Gary Valento returned with 8 tuna and a mess of bonito taken offshore over the weekend. Ed added that crabs are big and plentiful on the flats.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** came word also of real fine fluking at the Tin Can Grounds. Ed Rienfliesch had a super catch of fluke on Sunday. He totaled 55 of the flatfish at the Tin Can Grounds on sandeels and spearing bait. Bluefish were trolled in 100 to 130' of water while skipjack, albacore and bonito were taken in 60 to 90' depths on trolled feathers. Inside the inlet a few fluke around and some porgies starting to show. During the week past, Irv Grossman totaled 80 stripers in the 4 to 12 lb. class. All the fish were taken on trolled umbrella rigs in front of the Coast Guard Station. Other boats had the fish also. This was both early morning and evening fishing. Andy called the snapper fishing good and the crabbing super.

Six-year-old Jim McMenemy, with his Aunt Bee and Uncle Willie, show some of the nice fluke they took aboard the "Elsie K III."

ISLAND PARK

Charlie of **Beckmann's Bait & Tackle** extolled the excellent fluking in 45 to 50' of water at Ambrose Channel. Three to 10 lb. fluke are being taken on sandeels, smelt and spearing. Boats have been averaging anywhere from 10 to 30 fish apiece with some higher scores being racked up. Snappers and crabs both good locally and bass hounds from other parts of the island will be interested to know that Charlie has a good supply of hard to come by clam chum.

LONG BEACH

Frank at the **L.B. Sports Marina** reported new leaders in their monthly fluke contest. In first place is Jim Gentilesco with a 8¼ lb. dormat. Jim also holds down second place with a 7½ pounder. In third with a 6¾ lb. fluke is Bernie Haag. All of these fish came from the Tin Can Grounds this past weekend. On Sunday Jack Terzi clicked with a 6¼ lb. fluke while his son Elliott landed his first fish ever. Capt. Gary Senser returned with a load of weakfish taken on jigs at the Tin Can Grounds over the weekend.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** tells of absolutely super blues and weaks action all week, with weaks excellent at the Tin Can on umbrellas. Sharking slowed as water temp decreased 10° since the storm. The boat had just 2 makos for the week. Charters have trolled bonito in 90' of water to the southeast with excellent results, fish 10-12 lbs. on red and white feathers. Ronnie has also had excellent fluking along Ambrose Channel.

Henning's Fishing Station reported some fluke being taken in the inlet. Snappers and crabs are plentiful throughout the area. Best fluke fishing has been on the red side of Ambrose where fish are running 3 to 5 lbs. and are being taken on sandeels. On the black side of Ambrose small bluefish and weaks to 8 lbs. are being taken on jigs and umbrella rigs. Big bluefish in the 10 to 12 lb. class being taken at Klondike and Sy heard that tuna were taken over the weekend southeast of the HA buoy.

JAMAICA BAY

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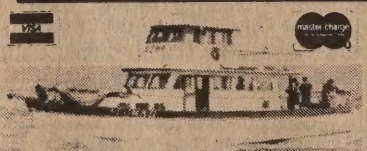

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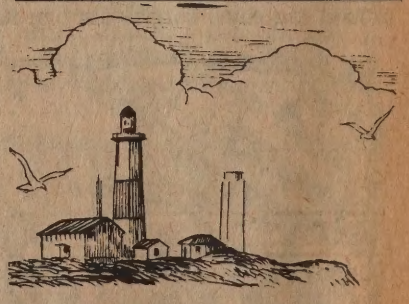

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Captain Walter of the **Flamingo III** tells us night blues have been very good but the day bluefishing has been a little picky with gaps being filled in by excellent weakfish catches. This is all diamond jigs fished locally at the Tin Can, Ambrose and South Channels. The trips are full of fast flurries. Some fares are bailing 12-14 weaks with most people getting 2-8 per man. Walter says this is the best run of weaks locally in a number of years. Also, fall is coming and with it schools of larger blues, as they do every year. Bonito and albies starting to show on the night boats and the day boats should be getting them soon also. Weaks hitting diamond jigs with teasers on a slow retrieve. Change of tide seems best. Sunday saw 90 weaks come over the rail at the change. Nights have been excellent at 17 Fathom, Klondike and farms.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** reports excellent fluking at Ambrose. It's been a steady pick on blues with big weaks mixed in at the Tin Can and off Jersey. Blues are mixed sizes. Weaks are 6-12 lbers. **Pilot II** is having good catches on the small porgies.

Captain John on the charter boat **Thermocline** in Howard Beach reports sharking picked up again with the water temp going back to 70°. Sunday's charter for Kevin Knox of Glen Cove and 3 couples boated 4 sharks including a 19¼ lb. mako.

The **Atomic II** reported good fishing off of the State Park in New Jersey. Average catches have been running from 5 to 20 keepers per man from 2 lbs. to a 7 lb. pool fish. These nice sized fish are hitting sandeels and spearing.

The **Dorothy B** has also been enjoying super fluke fishing. Fish from 1 lb. to an 8 lb. 5 oz. pool winning doormat have been taken fishing Sandy Hook and Channels. Sunday's fares averaged 8 nice sized fish per person taken on spearing bait.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reports snappers are larger and more plentiful and combined with numerous sand porgies, are keeping young and old alike busy at piers 8, 12, 13, and 17. Bunker chunks have been taking both blues and weaks in the 8 to 12 lb. class inside of Great Kills Harbor. Good fluke fishing being enjoyed by boatmen at the West Bank, Buoy 4 and Buoy 20. Weakfish in the 6 to 8 lb. class on drifted worms at Buoy 21. This is

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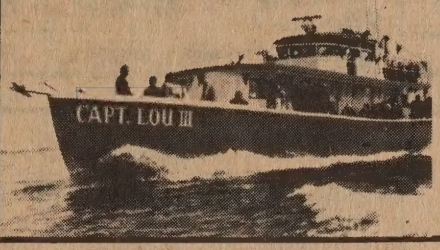

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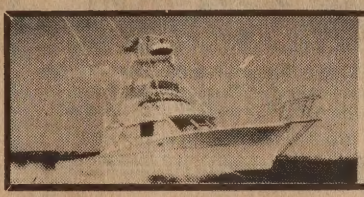

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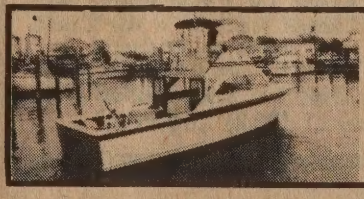

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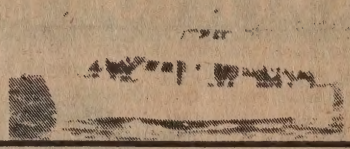

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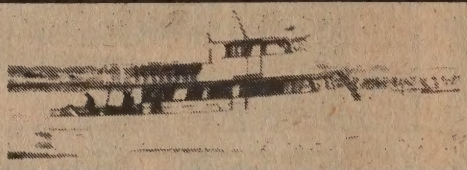

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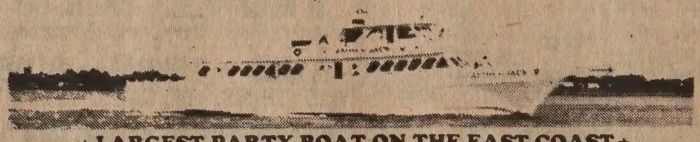

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WEAKS

GREENPORT

Captain George Porter's **Brand X** enjoyed excellent porgy fishing again over the weekend. Porgies were mohawked Saturday at Gardiner's, and Sunday the boat worked Race Rock Light off New London for jumbos. George says the fishing is really great.

A.P. White Bait Shop told us that fluke fishing is very good during the week east of Gardiner's for those using spearing and squid combos. Porgies also cooperated nicely, at Gardiner's, the east side of Plum Island and in the Sound off of Orient. Best bait has been clams or sandworms. Blackfish being taken at the Orient Light and snappers are knee-deep at all the docks.

SOUTHOLD

Pete at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** told us that out at the Orient Station anglers have been making some real fine porgy scores right out in front of the station and also at Petty's Bight. These fish run to 2½ lbs. and are taking both clams and worms. Blackfish up to 4 lbs. at Mulford Point and the Light while boatmen drifting spearing and squid have been making some pretty fair fluke catches off of Truman's Beach, the Ruins and in Petty's Bight. Pete called the bluefishing in the Race "fantastic". Fish run up to 10 and 12 lbs. and are being taken on bait, jigs, and umbrella rigs. In the Bay, loads of porgies averaging about ¾ lb. west of buoy 17. Good numbers of small weaks at Buoy 16 being taken on worms or squid on high-hook rigs. Plenty of crabs around locally.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports really good fishing for porgies and weaks on the west side of Robin's Island. Good weakfishing also at the Rose Grove on squid and sandworms. Over the weekend Frank Heckman returned with 9 weaks up to 7½ lbs. which he caught at the Rose Grove, close to the beach in 20' of water. One boat over the weekend returned with nearly 200 porgies and some weakfish. Larger porgies can be found at buoy 18, this on clams and worms.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina tells us that Philip Welker boated a 9½ lb. weak Monday with squid on a hi-lo rig at buoy 17. School weaks and humpback porgies are being caught around buoys 16 and 17.

SAG HARBOR

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric** called to say porgy fishing remains excellent working Plum Island, Little Gull and Gardiner's Bay. Sig Anderson of Westbury took the pool Thursday with a 5 lb. blackfish.

AQUEBOGUE

At **Warren's Bait & Tackle** we were told that there has been good porgy fishing in the Sound for fish running up to 3 lbs. This is all on worms and clams. Still bluefish and bonito roaming around the Sound being taken by trollers and jiggers. In the Bay, some good scores of porgies and weaks in the 1 to 3 lb. class were made at buoys 22 and 23 on worms and squid. Porgies preferred clam bait. Loads of snappers for the dock and beach fishermen.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND
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BLUES

ROCKY POINT

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that bluefish remain plentiful in the Sound and are being taken on both jigs and umbrella rigs. Porgies fishing has been good for those using clams or worms and the blackfish has improved noticeably in the past week or so. Snappers abound along all of the local beaches and rockpiles.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports pretty good porgy action in the Sound. Fish up to 2½ lbs. are being taken out in deeper water while smaller fish are found closer to the beach. Clams, worms and squid all take fish. A few blackfish mixed in with the porgies. Still plenty of bluefish around in the 2 to 4 lb.

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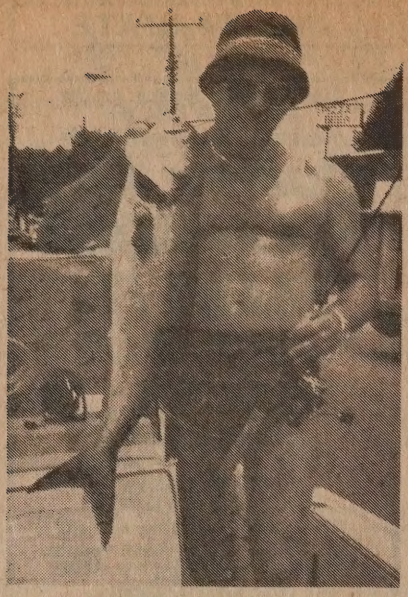
Umbrella rigs trolled at buoy 11, resulted in this nice catch of weaks to 9 lbs. for Joey Stazzone, Mike Stazzone, Darren Petit, and Ritchie Stazzone. Subscriber photo.



Nick Christ took this 12½ lb. blue on ultra-light spinning tackle near buoy 9. Fish was checked in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

class. These are being taken on jigs and also being trolled on spoons and umbrella rigs. Plenty of snappers and tinker mackerel inside the Harbor.

PORT JEFFERSON

John at **Caraftis Fishing Station** told us of plenty of blues stretched from Mt. Misery to Old Field Point. The fish are taken trolling, jigging or casting and are in the 2 to 4 lb. class. Lots of porgies on clams and worms off of Flax Pond for those willing to chum. Loads of snappers in the Port Jeff area also.

KINGS PARK

Artie at **Ski and Sea** called to say that on Wednesday, Ken Rodell pulled in 71 snappers casting from the beach down at the bluff in King Park using Kastmasters on the flood. Bill Rosenwald boated 42 blues up to 8 lbs. in three hours Friday morning on the incoming tide casting Rebels, Atom Poppers and Hopkins in 10' of water off the Mansion. Lots of snappers over the weekend.

Karen of **O.K Bait & Tackle** told us of fantastic fishing for blues, porgies and bass in recent days. Bluefish are right at the mouth of the river. Porgies are further out in the Sound while most of the bass action has been concentrated at Eaton's Neck. As an example of some of the fast paced action, Jerry and Bob Koliner and Bill, Roger and Ed Olsen teamed up to load up with 500 lbs. of stripers and 700 lbs. of porgies recently. The stripers were taken on difficult to come by clam chum.

NORTHPORT

Tom of **Bowman's Sporting Goods**

Bunker chunks took these 3 blues to 14 lbs. at Cold Spring Harbor Light for Mark Billhimer. Fish were checked in at Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

reported good bluefishing at the Obstruction buoy for fish averaging about 4 lbs. Most of the action is on jigs. Good snapper and porgy fishing inside the Harbor and off of the town dock. Tom also passed along word that clam chummers have been doing a real job on stripers at Eaton's Neck in recent days but added that clam chum is almost impossible to come by. Tom suggested trolling wire line and umbrella rigs during outgoing water in the morning or evening.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reported good action with porgies in the 1 to 2 lb. class at buoy 13. Bluefish still in solid at the obstruction buoy. These choppers run from 2 to 5 lbs. and are being taken on jigs both mornings and evenings. A few big blues still being taken in the rip at Eaton's Neck on umbrella rigs. Loads of snappers and sand porgies at the local docks. George also made mention of the load of stripers taken out of the Eaton's Neck rips by clam chummers. He added though, that some anglers also managed to take a few fish on wire line and bucktails. All the bass have been running in the 5 to 15 lb. class.

From **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** also came word of real good bass action late last week at Eaton's Neck. Ronnie also added that the necessary clam chum has been difficult to come by. Small blues still taking jigs at the Obstruction buoy and plenty of snappers around said Ronnie.

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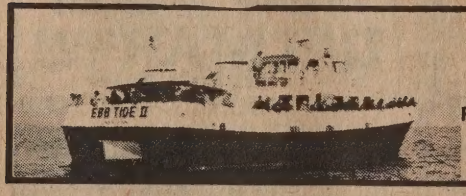

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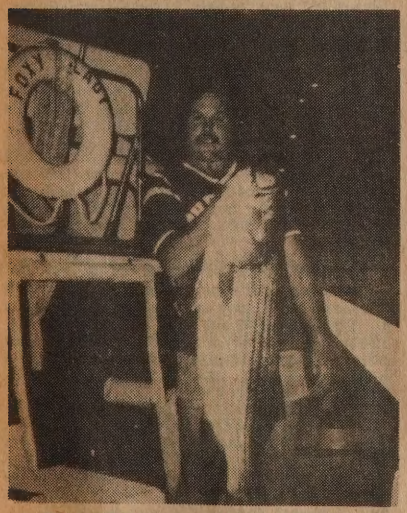
Captain Ray Nigro of the charter boat **Eclipse** called to say the bluefishing fared well over the weekend on umbrellas and he also had good porgy fishing with some fish topping 3 lbs., but most averaging 2. A few bass in the rip at



Chris Blohm boated this 26 lb. striper on an umbrella rig at Eaton's Neck. Catch was made aboard the charterboat "Foxy Lady."

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SIXTEEN DAYS

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because of the tremendous amounts of energy expended each day, I went home five pounds lighter!

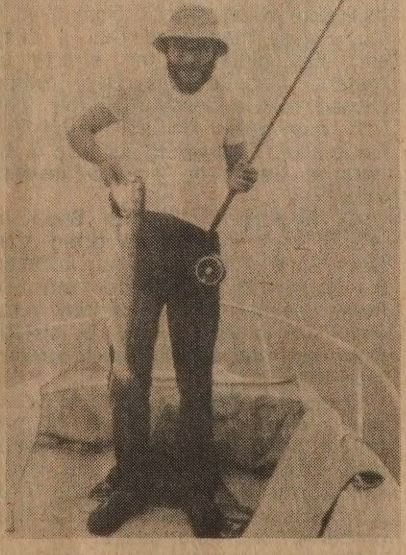
I had been away from my wife and family for sixteen days. I had put in longer hours and worked harder than I ever had in my life. I had gotten to know three great guys: Greg, Fat Al, and Captain Ron. I had caught more than a ton of fish and I had realized that the life of a mate or commercial fisherman is not as attractive as we usually think it is. All in all, it had been an unforgettable sixteen days.

Joe LoMastro trolled these 10-12 lb. weaks on umbrella rigs in front of the Eaton's Neck Light. Subscriber photo.

Eaton's Neck on bucktails. For the big porgies, clam chum is a definite asset, but almost impossible to get.

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Mark at **Salty's Bait & Tackle** reports that boat casters take blues in close to the beach at Marshall Field on Rebels and Red-Fins. This is mostly evenings. Some big blues in the 10 to 15 lb. class have been showing up in the Harbor. They are being taken on butterfish or bunker chunks. Porgies being taken along the beach at Bayville on worms and clams and an occasional bass and a couple of weakfish being picked at by worm trollers in the Lloyd's Point Marshall Field area.



This 7½ lb. weak fell to a Thunder Creek sand eel presented by Val Antonucci of the Anglers Ruff Ltd. Fish was taken outside of Hempstead Harbor in six feet of water.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUES

GLEN COVE

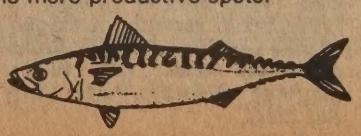
Captain Joe Finke of the **Lady Lil II** says the bluefishing is still good to excellent. High hook is usually 20 plus fish and the pool fish usually runs around 4 lbs. There are a few bonito mixed in. Lloyd's Neck and Eaton's Neck both producing. Action is steady all day. Joe has ended his night trips for the season.

Scott Dellaguardia proudly displays the 5 lb. weakfish he landed with a jig on the open boat "Super Claire."

CITY ISLAND

Captain Pete on the **Lucky Star** says he's fishing Long Island Sound and the ocean catching 3-6 lb. blues and 8-14 lb. weaks on diamond jigs and he is also getting some large fluke on the jigs as well.

Jack from **Jack's Bait & Tackle** was enthused by the showing of monster blues at Stepping Stone Light and also at Hart's Island. The fish have been chasing bunker schools. Tony Starace fished Stepping Stone Light Sunday morning and lost several fish that he could not handle. He did manage to hang on to one for the scale. A huge chopper checked in at 20 lbs. even. Good porgy fishing at the radio tower, Execution Light and Hart's Island. Jack added that there are loads of small stripers all around the area. Many shorts are among them. They are being taken on sandworms and small Rebel plugs. Jack named High and Hart's Islands as two of the more productive spots.



SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

September's moon is early this year, but should still provide enough inducement for many casters to kick off their fall fishing. By mid-month, fishing around most of the island's beaches should improve noticeably.

Worth keeping in mind for the fishing ahead, is that around much of the island, small bait has predominated in recent years. Much fanfare has been made of the use of droppers in conjunction with swimming plugs over the past season due to the success of anglers on the Cape last season and our own north shore during the spring. Droppers have been in use as long as I can remember, but with so much bait around, there has never been a better time to put them to use. Also, while all the mention has been made in relation to plugs, droppers work super when fished from sunrise to sunset in front of slowly worked tins such as J8s and Hopkins. The most popular droppers consist of saddle-hackle feathers. Bucktail also work however, and I had some real good action last season using pink colored Tri-Fin hairy hooks. Include droppers in your surf bag this fall and see if they don't put more fish on the beach for you.

Your roving reporter fished under the light at Montauk Thursday night. I saw two small bluefish taken before dark from among the 15 or so casters. After dark, just before high water, I took 1 blue of about 8 lbs. on a dropper ahead of a yellow darter. That was it for the night. Saturday morning along with two friends, we could manage only two small bluefish fishing the Wading River shore. One fish was taken on a small tin another on a Red-Fin. There was nothing else doing in the area.

Bob Vilbig hefts a stringer of blues taken recently at Hagerman's Landing. A 4½" Rebel plug did the trick. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

SOUTH SHORE: EAST END

From **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk came word of a showing of small blues up front and also at Shagwong. Tins, Red-Fins and small poppers all account for a few fish. Johnny added that most of the action has been just before dark and that a couple of short bass have been mixed in with the blues. Everything has been quiet along south side beaches in recent days.

Out at Shinnecock Thom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** reported casters have been taking bluefish in the 3 to 10 lb. class along the Southampton ocean front. Tins and poppers have both been taking the fish which show up one day and not the next.

Wally at **Buoy 2 Sport Shop** in East Islip weighed in a 35 lb. striper taken on an eel at Smith's Point by Bob Galasso. Now here is the rub...the fish was taken on Bob's first cast of his first attempt at surfishing. Ouch!

SOUTH SHORE: WEST END

From **The Store** at Oak Beach Hayes reported that a caster by the name of Bob checked in two bluefish up to 6 lbs. which were taken at Cedar on Rebels Sunday a.m. According to Bob, other casters had fish also which ranged from 4 to 8 lbs. Hayes mentioned that a dirty surf has hindered the efforts of casters. Despite this Gary Mims clicked with a bass of 26 lbs. The fish was taken on bait from the Gilgo area. Bob Smith took an 8 lb. bass at Cedar on a Red-Fin last week.

At **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in Island Park, Charlie reported that Dave Curti of Valley Stream took an 8½ lb. striper on a Rebel from the Point Lookout jetty, Thursday p.m. Joe Feczoko took a 6¾ lb. striper from west end Jone's Beach Sunday morning.

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reported that weakfish from 3½ to 10 lbs. are taken off of the North Channel bridge on bunker chunks and whole sandworms. A few blues in the 10 to 12 lb. class at the same bridge also on bunker chunks or strips.

From Staten Island, Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reported that casters continue to take fluke from the South Beach and Burger Ave. storm sewers. He called the bass fishing real slow but added that surfmen working the Great Kills Harbor shoreline take both weaks and blues in the 8 to 12 lb. class on bunker bait.

NORTH SHORE: WEST END

Jack at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** in City Island reports still lots of small bass being taken on Rebels and worms at Rodman's Neck. One customer checked in with 8 keepers, this out of a catch of 32 bass. Casters at Hunter Island have been taking blues early every morning on cut bunker. These fish run 10 to 13 lbs.

Mark at **Salty's Bait & Tackle** in Cold Spring Harbor reported bluefish in the 3 to 4 lb. class being taken afer dark on Rebels and Red-Fins at Marshall Field and Caumsett. Sandworms fished on high hook rigs result in a few small weaks in the same area.

Huntington bait and tackle dealer George Valentine reported that a couple of customers stopped in Sunday morning to replace tackle lost to blues at Caumsett Park.

In Northport, Tom Bowman called the surfishing "Not too good" but did say that several schools of big blues moved through the snapper fishemen at makamah on Friday. None of the fish were landed.

NORTH SHORE: EAST END

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported small weaks chasing snappers along local beaches. Tins, Rebels and Red-Fins take the weaks along with blues in the 2 to 5 lb. class. After slumping last week the bluefishing has picked up again in recent days.

From **Warren's Tackle Shop** in Aquebogue, came word that the surf has been pretty quiet but an occasional bass is being taken by regulars fishing bait at night.

Art White of **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport told me that casters have been taking blues in the 6 to 8 lb. class along the sound shore from Horton's Point to Orient Point. Tin, poppers and bunker chunks have been accounting for the fish.

CAPE REPORT

We received word that a few decent catches of big stripers were made during the middle of last week. One caster took 3 fish in the 40s on live eels at Nauset Beach. We also heard that a Long Island regular took two 50s in one night, last week. The west end of the canal has been producing some big blues and weakfish. A few small bass mixed in .

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	1:06	1:49	2:02	2:41	1:28	2:11	3:07	3:33	4:34	4:56	4:49	5:13	1:30	2:04	8/30
FRI.	2:03	2:48	3:00	3:42	2:27	3:11	4:07	4:32	5:32	5:54	5:49	6:13	2:30	3:04	8/31
SAT.	3:11	3:57	4:09	4:47	3:39	4:21	5:12	5:34	6:33	6:57	6:51	7:17	3:35	4:07	9/1
SUN.	4:25	5:04	5:14	5:48	5:01	5:33	6:11	6:32	7:40	8:04	7:54	8:18	4:36	5:03	9/2
MON.	5:35	6:07	6:15	6:48	6:13	6:37	7:06	7:27	8:49	9:10	8:53	9:17	5:32	5:59	9/3
TUE.	6:36	7:00	7:15	7:41	7:12	7:32	7:58	8:23	9:55	10:15	9:51	10:13	6:27	6:51	9/4
WED.	7:27	7:51	8:07	8:32	8:04	8:24	8:52	9:13	10:54	11:13	10:44	11:07	7:17	7:42	9/5
THUR.	8:17	8:40	8:59	9:22	8:54	9:14	9:42	10:06	11:47	–	11:35	–	8:08	8:32	9/6

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beech Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9/3	6:27	7:32
9/8	6:32	7:23
9/13	6:37	7:14
9/18	6:43	7:06
9/23	6/48	6:57

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9/21	9/29	9/6	9/13

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	11:10	5:25	11:35	5:50
Fri.	11:55	6:10	—	6:40
Sat.	12:20	7:00	12:55	7:30
Sun.	1:20	7:55	1:45	8:25
Mon.	2:05	8:50	2:40	9:20
Tues.	3:00	9:45	3:35	10:15
Wed.	3:55	10:40	4:30	11:05
Thurs.	4:50	11:30	5:20	11:55

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